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ELES (R)

BEIRUT (R) - Leading Lebanese war photographer George Sementijien died in hos-pital Saturday, three days after being struck in the head by a stray bullet during inter-Christian fighting in cast Beirut, Semerd-jian, 46, who worked for Beirut's Al Naher newspaper and parttime for Renters, never regs consciousness and died in the American University Hospital, west Beingt. Critically wounded during fleroe street battles last Wednesday, Semendjian was first taken to a hospital in east Beisat. Fighting was so intense, surgeons were unable to reach him there. During a brief ceasefire Tauraday an ambulance from west Belint crossed the green line dividing the city and evacuated him to the American University Hospital where surgeons operated. Semerdian had covered Lebenon's wars for the past 20 years and his photographs, distributed by United Press International and later by Routers, appeared in hundreds of newspapers.

### Sudan relief plane turned back

thorities turned away a relief plane carrying 15 tonnes of food for the besieged city of Juba Saturday for the second time in three days, a relief worker said. Bob Koepp, coordinator of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) relief programme in sonthern Sudan, said the Sudanese embassy in Namobi had assured him the C-130 Hercules carrying Italian donated marze would be allowed to make the flight from Nairobi, But when the plane made contact with Khar; town air traffic control as it crossed the border from Kenya, the pilot was told to turn round.

### Britain, Soviets resolve dispute s been put a

It isn't dear the LONDON (AP) - Britain and the Soviet Union have resolved a overnment 🖬 rt said. Stort dispute over the number of diplomats and other representatives s a descente ai Orlov who each can have in the other's 1 France at country, the British Foreign volution. It Office said. Under the deal the ited the page present limit of 205 each will death of his it remain for the time being but a Frocign Office statement added: "We have now agreed to work towards a state of relations where limitations will no longer be necessary. For the moment, each side will keep its own numbers within agreed overall limits. A review of progress will be held at the appropriate time." The 205 preserve the di limit was set following a diplomatic row between the two countries n island off when Britain ordered the expulconscivation of sion of eight Soviet diplomats and Another 501 three journalists last May. Prime on Santa ( Minister Margaret Thatcher's mber of office government accused them un-"Malley, 1 tic language for spying.

### the issue the time. Two Thais beheaded nate necessir in Saudi Arabia

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### Kohi rejects Soviet proposal

DAVOS (AP) - West German Chancellor Heimut Kohl Saturday flatly rejected a Soviet propworld cities Americans vote on whether Gerosal that Europeans and North man unity should be allowed. Kohl spoke to reporters after a one-hour meeting with Commun-eist Premier Hans Modrow of East Germany, which focused on the economic crisis caused by the continuing exodus of his country's citizens to West Germany. us stressed once again the excep-I tional scriousness of the situaition, as the number of migrants fremains high — about 55,000 in famoury," Kohl said. Modrow said both sides had a frank discussion on intra-German relations to lay the groundwork for his Feb. 13-14 visit to Bonn, the second full-fledged East-West German summit since East Germany launhed democratic reforms last fall

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Expenditure reduced

by JD 11.869 million

By Nermeen Murad

Joedan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Lower House

of Parliament Saturday endorsed the 1990 national budget with 52

votes in favour and at least 16

against and four abstentions out of 77 members attending the ses-

sion. The tally could not be im-

mediately confirmed because of

discrepancies in the figures with

some deputies putting rejections at 19 and abstentions at six.

The House endorsed the

budget after adopting minor

# House endorses 90 budget Badran outlines plans to streamline spending, address rising cost of living and unemployment

AMMAN (J.T.) Following are major excerpts from the speech made by Prime Minister Mudar Badran to the Lower House of Parliament session on the 1990

draft budget Saturday. In the name of the government I express profound thanks to the Financial Committee of the Lower House for conducting this long study on the 1990 fiscal budget and I would like to express the government's view that the dget report does not reflect the state's public expenditure because it does not contain the budgets of independent public sector organisations. But, this should not be considered as a

constitutional violation. The public organisations were set up in accordance with laws and were legally granted financial and administrative independence in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the purpose of providing them with flex-ibility in the course of offering

organisations are subject to control by the Audit Bureau and the government will therefore submit their budgets to the Financial Committee once they are ready before the end of April.

AMMAN (J.T.) - Following are

1. Service on foreign debts.

Statistics indicate servicing the foreign debts - that is instalments and interest in foreign curreacy - in proportion to the overall exports in 1988 and 1989 was 39 per cent and 22 per cent respectively and is expected to be 27 per cent in 1990. The rise in

1990 is caused by interest on committee's proposal that 1991

The government will study the

the amendment of the law on

organising the budget to include a

clause stating the need for the

Financial Committee's endorse-

The government supports the Lower House's Financial Com-

3. Classification of the budget

I have already made it clear in

aimed at scrapping those orga-nisations which have become

obsolete or incorporating them

organisations. The study will be that the reform programme is achieve self-reliance and to depend on local revenues to build a

# Jardaneh explains allocations, debts

major excerpts from Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh's speech to the Lower House of Parliament session on the 1990 budget Saturday.

loans of nearly \$80 million

mittee's views that consumption prevents savings and investments. Consumption should be gradually reduced to 93 per cent of the gross national product in 1993.

The government welcomes the

budget be prepared on the basis of classification of sectors and vestment Corporation, with all of development regions.

### 4. Budget supplements

The government agrees with Financial Committee that as of this year no extra expenses will be added if not included in the

5. The Jordan Investment Corporation The Pension Fund has been

its shares and profits transferred to the government. The fund's transferred assets amount to JD 152 million, which

transformed into the Jordan In-

will bring in profits of JD 5.6 million. But the government will reconsider the corporation's investment policies and will sell the corporation's shares to the pri-

# 6. Telephones

Telephone charges have been

Cairo sources say tripartite talks next week

# PLO denies authorising Egypt to name delegation

penditure by JD 11.869 million to JD 1.094,122 billion.

The approved budget envisages total revenues of JD 906.7 million

and a deficit of JD 199.1 million.

Debt servicing — payment of interest and repayment of principal — account for JD 87.46

million in the budget.

The budget, which was presented by Finance Minister Basel

Jardaneh to the Lower House in

the first week of January, outlines

(Continued on page 4)

TUNIS (Agencies) - The United States has suggested Egypt announce the names of both delegations to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks but the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) rejects the idea, a PLO leader said Saturday.

"It's a new manocuvre designed to contain the PLO, to keep the PLO behind the scenes. because Washington insists on an invisible role for the PLO," said Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

"In meetings over the last few days, the PLO leadership affirmed that... the PLO alone has the absolute right to form and announce the Palestinian delegation," he told a news conference. Diplomatic sources in Cairo,

Tel Aviv and Washington say the PLO had agreed to let Egypt announce the delegation. This has raised hopes that the foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and the United States could hold a longexpected meeting to prepare for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in

These reports are untrue. There should announce the names of a problem. the two delegations...

"If Egypt or the three (foreign) nian delegation, this would mean the PLO had renounced its representative character."

The plan was for the PLO to give Egypt names "under the table" which Egypt would take to the ministerial meeting for vetting by Israel and the United States, he said.

The United States had told Egypt, and Egypt had told the PLO, that Israel had the right to veto any name on the Palestinian hist because Washington could not force Israel to sit down with Palestinians it did not like, be

"But we reject any form of tutelage, any form containment, any form of proxy representation," he added.

Two members of the 15-man PLO Executive Committee have

differences within the PLO on this is an American proposal that and that the question of Palesti-Egypt, as the host country, man representation was no longer

> Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said the meeting between S. Secretary of State James Baker, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens could take place in Geneva between Feb. 10 and 12.

When the meeting will take place as anticipated will depend on the outcome of a session Wednesday of the Likud bloc's central committee. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is asking the committee a vote of confidence at the meeting in his leadership of the Likud (See page 2).

The Egyptian source said the meeting was "likely to be held in a European capital, most probably Geneva" next Sunday or

After "intensive contacts in recent days" between Egypt and the United States, Baker suggested a ministerial meeting at

# Israelis launch raids in W. Bank, Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops raided three towns in the occupied West Bank Saturday in a search for Palestini activists involved in the 26month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied textitories.

The army said sweeps were being conducted in Ramallah, Qalandia, Al Birch and surrounding areas and carriews had been imposed. Inrael Radio said troops ordered all men in Quiandia to a central school for identity checks.

Soldiers also raided Beit Idna near Bethickens overnight, Palestinian sources quoted by Renters said.

Treeps fixed tear-gas and rubber bullets to break up a demonstration by dozens of Palestinians burning tyres near the Clearch of the Nativ ity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus in Bethicken, the sources said. No one was in-

In the Geza Strip, Palesti nians observed a general strike called by Islamic Jihad in protest at a recent wave of acrests of its members and other Palestinian activists. Israel Radio and Palesti-

nians said troops arrested dozens of Palestinians in the West Bank raids. Palestinian sources said a

police car had knocked down and killed an eight-year-old hoy in Jenin Friday, sparking a protest by about 150 tecnage

The army said the car irrelyed was a private one bu it was not clear who had been

# PLF claims

attack

SIDON (AP) - A Palestinien group said Saturday two of its guerrillas were killed in a clash with Israell troops inside the zone Israel controls in South

The Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), led by Mobaumad Abbas, better known as Abe Abber, said in a comnumique that a guerrille squad clashed with an invali patrol in Ein Ebl on the northern edge of largel's self-styled "security

# Savage battles under way in E. Beirut despite truce

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Beirut shuddered to the thunder of shell and rocket fire Saturday with the collapse of the sixth truce within four days between warring Christian leaders.

At least 145 people have been killed and 700 wounded in the bitter fighting between army General Michel Aoun and Lebanese Forces militia warlord Samir Geagea for control of Lebanon's Christian enclave.

The combatants launched themselves at each other with renewed ferocity after a brief three-bour truce in response to appeals from church leaders to end the "bloody tragedy." Police said artillery shells "sud-

denly" crashed into residential districts of west Beirut, which is outside the combat zone, and the city's eastern sector as of 4:15 p.m. (1415 GMT). The barrage caught unpro-

tected civilians who had emerged from shelters to inspect damage inflicted on their property during the five-day confrontation.

Police said 152 people had been killed and 586 wounded in the brutal clashes between Aoun's 20,000 troops and the 6,000-strong militia.

A police spokesman said shells were falling on the east Beirut district of 'Ain Al Rummanch as

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations, said shells also crashed along west Beirut's seaside boulevard and the districts of 'Ain Mreisseh. Qantari and Zokak Blatt at the rate of six per minute.

He said the source of shelling could not be determined. Geagea, in an interview broadcast live by the Voice of Lebanon radio, said his militia was "fully

abiding" by the ceasefire. Aoun's command, in a statement broadcast by his Radio Lebanon said the general's positions were under shelling. The short statement did not clabo-

Rockets blazed across the darkening sky and thousands of civilians raced back to their shelters after a brief respite from the

Smoke billowed up as the gunfire set off at least a dozen new fires in east Beirnt, Heavy black smoke hung over an unfinished

shopping complex at Sin Al Fil. "We can hear glass and walls crumbling around us. Our shelter is shaking. We can't tell if our building was hit or not. It's like a horror movie," said Sina Saikali

a resident of the central Ashra-

well as the nearby army-held fiveh district, by phone, "Why is all this bloodshed? What is it for?"

Eyewitnesses in Beit Meri overlooking the city told Reuten fighting with tanks was underway in and around areas held by the Lebanese Forces in the heart of east Beirut. White flashes marked the gunfire and shells red against buildings.

The fighting crupted Wednesday when the general demanded that the Lebanese Forces surrender its arms and disband in a bid to take full control of the Christian enclave and its 900,000 population.

Security sources in west Beirnt told Reuters that dozens of Aoun's officers and men force had left their positions on the Christian side and crossed into territory controlled by President Elias Hrawi's mainly-Muslim

army and Syrian troops. Military sources loyal to Hrawi said Aoun's soldiers, deployed on the eastern edge of the green line zone splitting Beirut, had started to move to the western side

U.S. dismisses case; east Beirat fighting reportedly worst in civil

# Pretoria begins implementing reforms amid black jubilation

- Long-silenced anti-apartheid activists began speaking out and some blacks celebrated Saturday as the government implemented sweeping political changes announced by President F.W. de Reaction in black townships

was subdued, with no celebrations in the largest black city, Soweto, home to 2.5 million But about 8,000 people, includ-

ing many elders and children. crammed into a stadium in Alexandra, a township of more than 100,000 people near Johannes-burg, and chanted "Viva ANC" for the newly unbanned African National Congress while swaying to the rhythm of liberation songs.

The day before, de Klerk had legalised the ANC, the main guerrilla group fighting white rule, and lifted restrictions on 60 opposition groups and 374 individuals.

The Alexandra rally originally had been scheduled to protestliving conditions in the squalid township, and the protesters marched to the local council office and police station after the rally. Two hundred blacks, mostly

In the Natal provincial capital of Pietermaritzburg, 7,000 people gathered outside a cricket sta-

dimm to protest a visiting English After the landmark announce-

township outside Cape Town,

where hundreds of thousands

ment by de Klerk, hailed worldwide as a major step towards peace in South Africa (see page 8), the government published c ders officially lifting bans on th. ANC's armed wing, Um bonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), and some of its

ANC President Oliver Tambo, spokesman Tom Sebina and senior official Alfred Nzo were not among the 110 people named as having their bans lifted, but a Justice Department official said they too could now be freely quoted in South Africa.

De Klerk told the whitedominated parliament Priday that the ANC and subsidiary groups would be legalised and ANC leader Nelson Mandela would be freed soon after 27 years in jail.

His speech was welcomed around the world, but ANC offichildren, gathered two hours lacials in Lusaka said it did not ter for a perfunctory rally in a justify an immediate ceasefire in prisoner.

church in the largest black the guerrilla struggle against

Hundreds of blacks and whitee have died in bomb, landmine and firearm attacks by Umkhonto we Sizwe guerrillas inside South Africa. Many ANC soldiers have died in battles with police or on the gallows in Pretoria.

Organisations banned for decades and now legalised included the black supremacist Pan-Africanist Congress, its armed wing Poko and the South African Communist Party.

Three-year-old curbs on reporters covering police action against demonstrators were lifted under newly-published regulations, but they renewed bans on television and still cameras at the scene of

Many apartheid foes long barred from publication were freed from all restrictions.

The ANC's Tambo was among about 60 people listed separately as dangers to state security whose bans were not lifted by name. But an official said they were covered. by the new regulations.

Those no longer banned inciude former Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Joe Slovo, white activist Helen Joseph and Govan-Mbeki, a former Robben Island



TUNIS (Agencies) — In an appanent response to Arab pressure against a mass exodus of Soviet lews to Israel, Soviet envoy Gennady Tarasov said Saturday that Moscow did not intend to allow direct flights to the Zionist state.

"We have at present no plans to establish direct air links and all rumours... to this effect do not correspond to the reality," he told reporters at Tums airport after four days of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Sovjet airline Aeroflot and the Israeli airline El Al signed an agreement on direct flights in December but the Soviet government has not ratified it.

Palestinian leader Navef Hawatmeh said a ban on direct flights was one of several measures the Soviet Union had agreed to ensure that Jewish emigrants could choose their des-tination.

The Soviets would also pass a nationality law guaranteeing emigrants the right to return and would contact European countries on arranging stopovers where the emigrants could apply for visas for countries other than Israel, Hawatmeh told a news Tarseov, assistant to Foreign on the Middle East, ruled out any. pares to keep Jews in the Soviet Union and said it was up to the international community to ensure they did not go to the occupied West Bank and Gaza

"To get the facts clear, every Soviet citizen, Jew, Russian, Ukrainian, Azerbaijani, has the right to leave the country and come back. He is free to leave the country for any destination he wants," be said.

"This is not a problem between Arabs and the Soviet government, rather between the Soviet and Arab governments (on one hand) and other states (on the other).

"The international community at large should apply steps which would preclude the possibility of setting up settlements," he Hawatmeh said the PLO plan-

ned to contact a wide range of other countries, such as Canada and Australia, to find homes for the Soviet Jews and the Arabs would try to persuade Washington to lift restrictions on immigra-, tion from the Soviet Union.

to 100,000 this year and up to 750,000 over the next five or six years.

Hawatmeh, who is leader of the Democratic Front for the-Liberation of Palestine, said be was confident the Soviet steps would hold down the number of Soviet Jews moving to Israel but he could give no figures.

Israeli officials have said that

may have to wait up to one year At the U.N., the Soviet Union and the Arab League expressed concern Friday over the settlement of Soviet Jews in the occunied territories, which they called

without direct flights some Jews

threat to Middle East peace. We are firmly against the use, at risk to their safety, of persons leaving the USSR to force Palestinians off land that belongs to them," said the Soviet Union's acting U.N. ambassador Valentin V. Lozinskiy in a letter to the

secretary-general. ...

"The Israeli leadership must realise the dangerous consequences of such action on its part," he said. The letter from the Soviet government was relayed to the Israeli consular group in The United States has set an intake quota of 50,000 a year. Moscow.

# S. Arabia bans Thai workers after killings

RIYADH (R) --- Saudi Arabia took its angry reaction to the murder of three of its diplomats in Thailand a step further by stopping the entry of Thai workers, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad Ibn Abdul Aziz was quoted in the Saudi daily Al Jazira as saying that "the necessary measures for halting the arrivals of labour from Thailand were taken.

· He described the murders as "a horrendous matter that has shocked and pained us ail," adding that "King Fahd is deeply concerned about his sons."

There was no immediate firstband confirmation of Prince Ahmad's statement The coffins with the bodies of the three Saudi diplomats were

flown in Friday night aboard a special Saudi jet ordered by the king.
The deputy governor of Riyadh, Prince Sattam Ibn Abdul Aziz, who led an official delegation to the airport told reporters

these are three martyrs who

died for their religion and homeland... at the hands of evil." They have been identified as second secretary and consular licad Abdullah Abul-Rahman Al Basri, 32, consular officer Fahd Abdullah Al Bahli, 35 and telex operator Ahmad Abdullah Al Saif. 26. One of the three was

reported to have a pregnant wife. Riyadh has already summoned the Thai ambassador to deliver a protest, warning that it will be forced to close its embassy in Bangkok if the Thai authorities cannot track down the assassins.

In what may have been a calculated move by the Interior Ministry, two Thais who had been convicted for muder and rape and were awaiting execution, were beheaded after this Friday's Muslim congregational prayers in a public square in the city of Dam-mam. Saudi Arabia rules by Shar-'ia or Islamic Law which prescribes the beheadings.

The Saudi anger against Bang-kok has been heightened by the fact that another embassy employee, Third Secretary Abdullah Al Maliki was assassinated a year earlier in the Thai capital and the Thai police have not come up with any clues to the murders.

The Saudi nwspaper Ashsharq Al Aswat said in a report Saturday that the same pistols that killed Maliki were used in this week's murders. Quoting unidentified Thai police sources, the paper said that while witnesses claimed seeing an Arab-looking

persosn shooting, the criminal may not necessarily be Arab. Because the murdered Sandis were connected with visa processing, Thai police investigators this time as in the case of Maliki believed that the assassination was carried out by local job placement agents frustrated over problems in gaining entry visas for the

kingdom. Thais, estimated at 140,000 make up one of the large foreign communities that are part of the 3 million-strong expatriate labour force in the kingdom. Thailand also enjoys good commercial and tourism ties with Saudi Arabia.

The deputy interior minister's statement would be a blow to the Thei labour market and the hard corrency earnings of the Asian

Despite the reports of a labour visa vendetta, neither the Thai police sources quoted in the Saudi papers nor the Saudi statements of condemnation have ruled out international terrorism.

Pro-Iranian underground fundamentalist groups, carrying out a campaign of terror against the kingdom, have claimed the murders over the past two years of

other Saudi embassy employees. The targets were shot in Beirut, Ankara and Brussels, as was a Muslim preacher in Brus-sels. Gunnen failed in an attempt

to kill the consul in Karachi.

stymie compromises on a proposed Palestinian-Israeli dialogue hammered out by Egypt and the United States. Likud's inner struggles may ffect the U.S. timetable for furthering the Mideast peace pro-

Shamir

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TEL AVIV (R) --- Israeli Prime

arch-rival Ariel Sharon in a pow-

er struggle which is affecting U.S. efforts to launch Palestinian-

Israeli dialogue. Shamir said on Israeli Televi-

sion Priday that if Sharon, who as

defeuce minister lauuched Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon,

wanted to replace him as leader of the right-wing Likud Party he

should put the question to the Likud Central Committee. "Maybe he (Sharon) wants to

be in charge of Likud. If so, he

also needs to put it to the (Likud)

Central Committee and the Cen-

tral Committee will decide," Sha-

ter of industry and trade, have

been jockeying for position in the

past weeks in preparation for a showdown Wednesday in their

party's Central Committee over

Shamir wants to restrict the

committee meeting to a vote of confidence on his leadeship. He

has said he will resign if Central

Committee members do not give

him a resounding mandate.

Sharon and his party allies have

discussed bringing motions be-fore the committee that would

peace talks with Palestinians.

Shamir and Sharon, now minis-

mir said.

U.S. and Israeli sources said Friday that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker may invite the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministes for talks in Europe hext weekend following PLO concessions on Palestinian peace nego-

But the ministerial meeting hinged on the outcome of the power struggle in the Likud, the SOUTCES SAIC They said the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation (PLO) had accepted that Egypt would amounce the make-up of the Palestinian delegation. The PLO previously insisted on naming the team.

Israel is adamently opposed to any PLO participation in the talks, maintaining it is a terrorist If Shamir prevails in his party's

Central Committee, he will then

face intense pressure from his Labour coalition partners and the the Arab League. United States to get peace talks ambassador to the United States underway.

# **Turkey orders tit-for-tat** expulsion of Greek envoy

ANKARA (R) — Turkey Saturday ordered the tit-fot-tat expulsion of a Greek diplomat in a row over Greece's Muslim minority that threatens to shatter rapprochement between the longtime foes.

A Foreign Ministry official said the Greek consul-general in Istanbul, Elias Klis, would have to leave if Athens confirmed it Minister Yitzhak Shamir has had ordered the expulsion of a thrown down the gauntlet to Turkish diplomat based in the northeast Greek town of Komo-

> Greece said Friday it was ordering out consul-general Kem-al Gur from Komotini, where 19 people were injured in clashes between Christians and Muslims

Monday.
"If the Greek side communications of the Greek side communication of the Greek side co cates to us officially its decision to order out our diplomat, then the Greek consul-general in Istanbul will be declared persona non grata," the Foreign Ministry official said.

The semi-official Anatolian News Agency earlier quoted Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz as saying Klis would have to leave Turkey Saturday.

Greek Foreign Minister Anto-nis Samaras said in Athens that Gur would be expelled because Ankara insisted on describing the Muslim minority in western Thrace as "fellow countrymen"

and "citizens of Turkish origin." Greece describes the 120,000 Muslims in the region, under Ottoman rule until 1913, as Greek Muslims

The row has forced ties between the NATO neighbours to their lowest level since they nearly went to war over Aegean Sea.

rights three years ago. It also appears to have shat-tered, at least temporarily, rap-proclument that began in 1988 after decades of enmity.

Eurpean diplomats said they thought the latest row would not get out of hand.

"We are not getting overly worried about it. We are not writing alarming telegrams home," one said. Turkey earlier this week re-

jected a request by Athens to withdraw Gur and said it hoped any misunderstanding over words used to describe Muslims in Greece could be dispelled. "We are sure that if the issue is

approached with this framework and with goodwill it will be overcome," a Foreign Ministry statenent said. Turkey has accused Greeks of

using brute force against ethnic Turks in Komotini and made an international appeal to protec the human rights of ethnic Turks in Greece.

# U.S. dismisses lawsuit by former Lebanese envoy

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit by the former Lebanese ambassador to Washington, who has been trying to avoid being evicted from his country's embassy.

U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene rule that former Ambassador Abdallah Bouhabib was given adequate notice that the United States was recognising the new Lebanese government of President Elias Hrawi. Greene denied the request for a preliminary injunction by a Lebanese faction to which Bouhabib remains loyal.

On Friday night, the embassy was turned over to Hrawi representatives without incideot, though with some shouting between the two factions, under the gaze of a contigent of secret service police officers, according to police spokesman Rich

The Hrawi government has denated former Lebanese consul in Washington, Bassam Naamani, arrival of a new ambassador. Naamani has been working in a commercial office arranged by

Bonhabib became Lebanese

in 1983 and represented the interests of Gen. Michel Aoun, the renegade Lebanese military leader. Hrawi was elected president on Nov. 24 and dismissed Aom. who refused to recognise Hrawi's election. When a group of demonstra-

tors supporting Aoun temporarily occupied parts of the embassy in Washington on Jan. 22, Bouhabib was told the U.S. government would send law enforcement personnel to the premises the next day to remove him and all those attached to the Aoun faction. Aoun's supporters then sued the U.S. Secretary of State.

In court papers, the State De-partment said it notified Bouhabib on Dec. 11 that he had been terminated as Lebanese ambas-

. The State Department said it discussed with Bouhabib at that time a request by the new Lebanese government for Bouahabib to vacate the embassy residence by Dec. 20.

"Given these discussions... the urt finds that Mr. Bomb was adequately informed that the United States, having recognised the Hrawi government, wished to turn the embassy premises over to the representatives of that gov-emment," wrote Greene.

# MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

# EC to send emergency aid to Palestinians

BRUSSELS (AP) --- The European Community's executive commission has said it would send emergency aid to Palestinians living in the occupied territories. The aid, worth 370,000 European Currency Units (\$447,700), will pay for specialised medical services and the hospitalisation of injured civilians, the commission said in a statement.

### Sudan reprieves convicts.

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese government has reprieved some convicts awaiting the amputation of limbs under Sharis Islamic Laws, the official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) said. It quoted Chief Justice Galal Ali Lufti as saying that several sentences had already been amended and others were being reviewed. Those waiting to lose their right hand and left leg would instead serve jail terms ranging from five years to life. Lufti gave no reason for the change. Sharia Laws are at the heart of a seven-year war waged by rebels in the mainly animist of Christian south against the government in the Muslim, Arabised north. The laws, which prescribe amputation for theft, stoning to death for adultery and other such punishments, were introduced to Sudan in 1983 by President Jaafar Numeiri. They have been largely dormant since Numeiri was ousted in April 1985. The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army wants Sharia replaced by secular law while the ruling junta wants to retain it in areas where Muslims

### Polisario: Morocco bent on pursuing war

ALGIERS (R) — Polisario guerrillas fighting for independence in the Western Sahara reaffirmed their support for U.N. peace moves there but said Morocco was bent on continuing the 14-year-old war. The Polisario's diplomatic arm, the Arab Sahrawi Democratic Republic, said in a statement Saturday that Morocco recently launched an army recruitment drive among Sahrawi families in southern Morocco. Moroccan authorities in the south were pressuring residents to enlist more than 1,200 new recruits, the Polisario said. "In seeking to increase its army at this time Morocco is giving another proof of its desire to continue the war." On Friday, a separate Polisario statement welcomed the appointment of Johannes Manz as U.N. representative for the Western Sahara. U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar is expected to visit the Western Sahara soon in an effort to reactivate a stalled peace drive in the former Spanish colony.

### Turkish police, leftists clash

ANKARA (R) - Riot police and leftists clashed outside an Ankara mosque Saturday during the funeral service for a lawyer whose slaying raised fears that extremist violence was on the rise again in Turkey. Witnesses said about 30 people were dragged away by police as 6,000 demonstrators chanting "down with fascism" and "there is no terror but fascist murder" tried to march to the grave where Turkish law association head Muammer Aksoy was being buried. At least six people, including reporters and one policeman, were reported injured after police with truncheons blocked the demonstrators' path on a main street. A further 3,000 people, including some officials, attended the funeral service at Maltepe Mosque as helicopters buzzed overhead. Aksoy was later buried at a nearby graveyard. "Police tolerated recent demonstra-tions in support of Soviet Azerbaijanis but they will not tolerate ns," a lawyer, who asked not to be named, told Reuters. Aksoy, a 73-year-old Social Democrat and staunch supporter of parliamentary democracy, was gunned down in a lonley street near his Ankara home Wednesday night.

# Denktash to attend talks with Vasiliou

ANKARA (AP) — Rauf Denktash, president of the breaksway
"Turkish Cypniot Republic," said Friday he will attend a U.N.
sponsored meeting with Greek Cypriot President George Vassiliou on Feb. 26 in New York. "We are going to New York with good will. This will be an important test for all of us," Denktash said in a speech at a luncheon given in his honour by Turkish. two-day visit and consultations with Turkish officials on the resumption of stalled Cyprus reunification talks. He held a joint meeting Friday with President Turgut Ozal, Premier Yildinin Akbulut, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz and the chief of general staff, Gen. Necip Toruntay.

# Turkey, Albania to discuss ties

ANKARA (R) ---- Turkish and Albanian officials will begin talks on Monday at joint economic commission meetings to improve economic ties, the Turkish treasury said in a statement. Albanian Minister of Light Industry Vito Kapo will head the Albanian

# Egypt sets \$60m bail for Filipino skipper

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian magistrate set bail of \$60 million for the release from custody of a Filipino skipper whose cargo ship rammed and destroyed an oil platform in the Gulf of Suez, a defence attorney said Friday. The collision last Dec. 8 spilled natural gas and crude oil from wells operated from the platform owned by Guif Petroleum Co. (GUPCO), a joint Egyptian-American venture with major operations in the Gulf of Suez between mainland Egypt and Sinai. The Filipino skipper, Vincente M. Abanes, was arrested after the collision and was remanded to custody for 45 days at a prison in southern Egypt. 'Abanes' ship, the Panayn Sampagnita, was impounded by Egyptian authorities. The 27,652-ton motor bulk carrier was en route from Singapore to France with a consignment of iron and timber when it hit the platform near Ras Shukier, about 224 kilometres south of Suez. The defence attorney, who requested that his name be withheld for legal reasons, said his clients protested the bail decision as a violation of both Egyptian law and an international convention on maritime liabilities. He said that under a 1976 London convention governing liabilities in maritime accidents, the maximum amount payable was the equivalent of 3.3 million Egyptian pounds (\$1.3 million).

# Afghan rebels seek Is

MANAMA (Agencies) — A leader of Afghanistan's govern-ment in exile, Abdul-Rasoul Sayyaf, left Saturday for Qatar in quest of Islamic aid to help wrest control of Kabul from the govern-

Sayyaf, who is prime minister in the exile government, said Mujahedeen forces "are achieving victories... despite the meagre mulitary resources at their dispos-al," the Gulf News Agency re-

The Soviet Union has replaced evacuated regular troops but brought in some 60,000 militiamen to back the Moscow-backed Kabul government of President Najib, Sayyaf said. The Mujahedeen counted on

aid from Islamic nations, primarily Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, as well as from the United States, in the guerrilla war they waged against the estimated 100,000 Soviet troops who remained nine years in the country to back the government in Kabul after the The Soviet troops left Afghanistan last February under the May 1988 international accord

TARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — Passengers arriving Saturday on

the ferry from predominantly

Christian east Beirut said fighting

between Christian factions was

wreaking more damage there

than any other battle in 15 years

"We never had a war like this."

said Robin Haik, 24, who took

advantage of a lull in the fighting

to escape the brutal exchanges in the Ashrafiyeh district.

kinds of artillery between every

house to try to get the army, and

the army tried to hit them with all

Haik said hundreds of shelk

fell near his apartment building

The fierce fighting, which

broke out Tuesday, pits Gen.

Michel Aoun's troops against militiamen of the Lebanese

Forces headed by Samir Geagea.

Traffic on the coastal highway

The Lebanese Forces put all

of civil war.

kinds of shells."

reached in Geneva.

The Mujahedeen, who de-

Jihad against Communism. formed their provisional government and continued fighting the Kabul forces, vowing to establish an Islamic state throughout

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is leader of the Ittehad-I-Islami Party. He is accompanied by the reconstruction, interior and defence. parties included in the sevenparty provisional government.

Mohammad Saeed Hashemi,

but we are not fighting each such reports.

Hashemi said their tour has been successful, singling the Saudi monarch King Fahd for his "unsurpassable generosity" to

and checkpoints set up by the

bodies in it on the road," he said.

Baroness said 200 burned cars-

littered the parking lot at the

port, evidence of the struggle for

control of the tiny naval facility

that the Lebanese Forces holds.

They said people at the port told them the fighting in many

areas was from street to street.

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Forces. It's terrible," said crew

member Elie, who like his col-leagues wanted only his first

"You can't even put your fin-

Only 40 passengers got off the

ger on the street," added crew

boat, which docked just half an

hour in Jounieh to pick them up.

name used.

member Danny.

"One street is controlled by the

Crew members on the ferry

There was a car with four

opposing forces, Haik said.

Sayyaf, who also has visited "ministers" who represent other

adviser to the defence minister and secretary of the Haraket-E-Inqilab-Islami Afghanistan Party said that Islamic aid has dwindled after "exaggerated" press reports about inter-Mujahedeen fighting.

"There are differences among the members of the one family other," he told the Associated Press in an interview, explaining that it was a basic objective of the

clared an Islamic Holy war or the Afghani fighters and to the

millions of Afghanis who live as refugees because of the war. He said the Shura Consultative

Council or parliamentary body that the government in exile was eparing would be ready within four months, with 70 per cent of Afghan territory already covered to map out electorate and repre-Areas not yet covered included

those on the Soviet borders which needed 30 days of walking to Meanwhile, an Afghan tribal

meeting of more than 15,000 refugees condemned Afghan rebel leaders Friday and called for the return of former King Zahir Shah from exile to lead them. Shouts of "God is great" prected calls at the traditional

jirga for the king to return. Many people held portraits of him. Only the king could unite the Afghan nation, torn by civil war for more than 10 years, speakers said at the meeting in Saranan Refugee Camp in western

Zahir Shah, who lives in Rome, has said he is willing to play a role in Afghanistan only if supported by the majority of Aighans.

and left after half an hour to

reach this southeast Cyprus port

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bers were afraid and so were the

passengers," said chief officer

Crew members said the fight-

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East Beirut fighting reportedly worst in civil Lebanese crew members said so far the Syrians and their Lebanese militia allies had apparently stayed out of the

> "If the Syrians attacked it would be a favour," said crewman Elie. "The Lebanese Forces and

> army could agree in 15 seconds," said crewman Emile. "The people want just one force." The crewmen attributed the low passenger load to both thedanger of movement and the be-

lief among Christians that the fighting had to stop soon. Passengers said the sound of Crew and passengers said the across the port. Most of those clash had been expected for a year, since the previous con-frontation between the Christian factions. "We knew a year agothere would come a day when these forces attacked each

other." said Danny. were able to get out," said Tony Many passengers did not want to say anything, finding it hard to believe that the Christians were "We don't want to go back

going for each other's throats.
"It's awful," was all one passenger would say. Meanwhile trapped men,

women and children screamed for their lives in blazing building in The Falangist Voice of Lebanon radio station broadcast a

special appeal begging civil de-fence workers to brave artillery barrages to save them. In the chaos of the enclave's three-day old battle it was impossible to learn whether firemen

reached the building or what hap-pened to the people inside. At mid-evening Friday radio stations reported a major fire burning at the St. Peter and Paul Hospital in Ideideh, which had been crammed with wounded and had turned others away because it was out of oxygen and other essential supplie

As might fell the flames of. dozens of fires could be seen across the enclave.

Shells exploded in flashes of orange. Bombardments rose to a hysterical pitch. A huge grey cloud of smoke covered the hear of the city. "It is complete madness — as if

the doors of hell were flung open," a resident said. Hardly an area was left unscathed by the fighting, which pitted Aoun's 15,000 regulars against Geagea's 10,000-man

Lebanese Forces militia. Most of the enclave's 900,000 civilians cowered in shelters and corridors

"We have been in the shelter since dawn. We have eaten all the canned food... we have no more milk for the babies," said distraught Tima Ghantous.

"Please tell them to stop only for one hour so we could feed out children."

"Stop this massacre," pleaded one radio station "halt this collective massacre," said another.

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# Deputies call for activating private sector, cutting public spending

Dr. Nayet Abs Tayek

Dr. Nayof Abu Taych (South Bedouins) spoke about the various challenges that Jordan faces and the endless efforts of His Majesty King Hossein to counter all the plots against this country. The deputy paid tribute to Jorda-tian Armed Forces and demanded that they get sufficient finan-

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Abu Tayeh requested that the National Medical Institution (NMI) be merged with the Ministry of Health and that the armed forces remain financially independent

Abu Tayeh urged the govern-ment upgrade its water policy and to keep enough food supplies in the market at reasonable prices.

### Zied Abu Makfoux

Ziad Abu Mahfouz (Zarga). was specific in his demands after a brief general statement in which he criticised the indebtedness that the country was plunged into without careful feasibility studies or awareness to development

The Zarga deputy arged con-tinued support for the armed forces, continuing food subsidies, invigorating the private sector by widening competition forces and stopping government and public sector extravagance and mismanagement. He also proposed establishing light industries to ease unemployment but at the same time unifying institutions wherever possible to avoid du-

Abu Mahfouz backed the committee's financial support steering. that independent government in-stitutions should incorporate their budget in the general gov-ernment budget to enable the parliament to examine all the finances of the central government as a whole.

Moreover, the Zarqa deputy called on the executive bodies to improve the conditions of employees by fixing a ceiling to the lowest and highest wages, and to form a parliamentary committee to contact Arab countries and explain Jordan's economic situation to urge them to support the

# Saed Al Scour

Saed Al Srour (North Bedouins) was optimistic in his address, noting that if Jordan failed in benefitting from the "plentiful" years, Jordanians have no choice but to carefully monitor the difficult times. He referred to the "difficult triangle" of unemployment, indebtedness and high cost of living and said they were the main problems that

should be tackled. Srour said the solution to the problems begins by admitting first of all that there is no quick and comprehensive way out ... a fact which alleys the desire to exert pressure on discussing the

The North Bedouins deputy asserted the need to reduce govcrument spending noting that the infrastructure in many areas was completed but need maintenance to keep it in good standard. He suggested small-scale farming and industrial ventures to ease unemployment, stressing decentralisation in all forms to achieve that

Srour demanded immediate measures to control price rises in ey, who repos s, said as of general and to protect consumers from bad quality goods.

# Dr. Mohammad Abu 'Uhina

Deputy Dr. Mohammad Abu Ulaim (Mafraq) proposed improving the condition of hospitals and other services, cutting government spending, and diverting all capabilities towards produc-

tion.
"We want to put the guilty to account, to control officials, and to find solutions to unemployment," Abu 'Ulaim noted.

He also proposed that deputies, ministers, and all government employees to begin wearing Jordan-made khaki clothes effective this summer to set as exam-

### ple to all Jordanians. Mohammad Bakhit Mu'ar'ar

Deputy Mohammad Bakhit Mn'ar'ar (Mafraq) called for reactivating the role of the private and public sectors and investing in Jordan's resources of raw material...

Discussing suitable methods to tackie Jordan's economic problems, Mu'ar'ar called for ensuring Arab aid, preserving agricultural. lands, and putting to account all those responsible for financial COLUMNICATION.

Mu'ar'ar also proposed the establishment of a national aid fund which would provide Arab and Islamic aid to Jordan, other guide the government's future

frontline countries, and the Palestinians in the occupied terri-

He also proposed rationalisa tion of government expenditures and entrusting the armed forces with the duty of playing a role in the development process.

### Deeb Amis Abdul Hofiz

Deputy Deeb Anis Abdul Hafiz (Zarqa) proposed that the government of Prime Minister Audar Badran

1- to reconsider the volume of funds to be spent by official gov-ernment departments including the radio and television corpora-

2- to reexamine the prospect of opening government offices for five days a week so that a great deal of electricity, water and fuel can be saved, and

3- to reexamine the question of rented government buildings for which the government pays JD 4 million annually. He said that this sum could be used to build proper buildings for which the government can pay in instalments.

About Hafiz criticised the gov-ernment in general and the Missistry of Agriculture in particular for failing to provide water supplies to the farmers and to provide proper assistance to those who lose crops as a result of natural

conditions such as frost.

He said that while the government advocates the cause of tree planting to green the Kingdom, the farmers fail to get sufficient water for agriculture, the back-bone of Jordan's economy.

He demanded that the government provide sufficient supplies of water for the farmers and animal feed for stockbreeders. He also called on the government to put an end to corruption, and end injustice in many areas.

Abdul Hafit, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, admitted that the Brotherhood's slogan in the election campaign "Islam is the solution" can not be applied altogether. He said solution can come gradually, but will take a long time, and for this reason he suggested that the national economy be Islamic-oriented, that the government terminate the interest on loans systems, adopt an austerity programme starting with those in responsible posieastern regions be reclaimed, that the audit bureau intensify its activities to end any embezziements of public funds, and that the government intensify its control over the companies and industrial

Abdul Hafiz noted that the Zarga region which he represents, has three Palestinian refugee camps - Hittin, Zarqa and Sukhproper health, and public services. "Tens of thousands of people live in the camps which have only one approach and are congested and lack a healthy atmos-

He demanded that the government do something to improve

The deputy criticised the work of the National Medical Institution (NMI) which he said did not live up to expectations. "The NMI has been established for two years now, but its failure to carry out its tasks rendered it obsolete. Failures, he said, can be felt in the shrinking of hospital services and the shortage of essential

In his speech, Abdul Hafiz discussed the need for Jordan to have a strong army which, he said, is needed to drive the invaders of Arab Palestine. He said Arab Palestine is from the sea to the River Jordan and the Jordanian Armed Forces which shield the Arab Nation are needed to evict the Zionists from the Arab

# Hamzek Massour

Deputy Hamzeh Mansour (Amman) said that the 1990 fiscal budget will not achieve its objectives unless rationalisation is conducted at all official government departments. He also called for providing Jordanian citizens with services meeting life needs and based on justice. Mansour also stressed confidence that Jordan will be capable of surmounting its carrent problems once behaviours have been rectified.

# Abdal Latif Arabiyat

Deputy Abdul Latif Arabiyat from the Salt remarked that the budget report was marked with objectivity and responsibility, but it lacked a general philosophy to govern the future budgets. He said that a fiscal budget is a plan that can have a great impact on the country's economy and therefore a clear policy is required to revision of past mistakes to avoid

Referring to the various aspects of the budget report, Arahivat called on the government 1- To deal with the question of unemployment through reorganising the national workforce, encouraging investments in small

2- To put an end to borrowing which, he said, has detrimental consequences on the nation. He said that clear policies should be drawn up in this matter and the public debt law should be mended to stem internal bor-

3- To reexamine budgets of public companies in which the government holds 51 per cent

4- To create incentives for expatriates to encourage them to invest in Jordan.

5- To carry out a purge in government and public administration so as to have a strong and qualified civil service system. 6- To avoid appointing people in positions under contract and to

adhere to the regulations set by the Civil Service Commission. 7- To maintain subsidies for basic commodities to the people but that priority should be given to needy groups.

Arabiyat also demanded that the Zakat fund run by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, be developed into an Islamic fund capable of providing aid and solvsocio-economic problems. He thanked the government in

the name of the Muslim Brotherhood for responding favourably to its call to form a committee to study loans for agricultural projects and housing.

Arabiyat also urged the government to set a new system of accepting students at Jordanian universities with a view to. providing a better service covering the largest sector of students.

### Zied Al Shwelkh

Maan Deputy Ziad Al Shweikh said that the 1990 budget analysis is more important than those of the past for several reasons. It comes as the Zionist danger increases and at a time of a prevailing economic and financial crisis with its obvious results of unemployment, inflation, external and internal indebtedness and disorders in the economic and finan-

He said that no solution to the crisis can be reached without knowing the reasons that caused it. "We admit that the govern-ment's budget report this year was objective and realistic in some of its parts, and for the first time it defined some internal causes for the crisis besides the external causes. But it did not mention all the internal aspects neh - all of which, he said, lack that led to the crisis, particularly the chronic disorder in the economic structure, and the weakness and backwardness of the production infrastructure as well as the mismanagement of economic institutions," Shweikh added.

Shweikh said that any efforts exerted to solve the economic problems should be accompanied by the following policies and pro-

First, the government should activate, promote and extend the role of private sector institutions and remove all obstacles that obstruct this sector's movement, Second, bolstering and deepening the democratic march in all the political, economic and social

Third, adopting modern scien-tific policies and procedures to develop and modernise the admi-

nistrative system. Fourth, increasing the role of the parliament, audit bureau, and the mass media.

Shweikh criticised estimated increase in income tax revenues from JD 54 million to JD 100 million noting that this would "adversely affect these very tax revenues and standard of econo-

mic motives" in the future. Discussing the issue of infla-tion, Shweikh said: "The budget does not include evidence that the government used it as a tool to combat inflation problem."
Shweikh added that the budget failed to present proposals on means to combat unemployment and did not include allocations adequate to develop local pro-

duction projects. Touching on foreign indebtedness, Shweikh said: "The figures of the 1990 fiscal budget do not show that there will be an improvement in the situation related to foreign indebtedness. On the contrary indebtedness will increase because a total of JD 87 million will be settled at a time when about JD 253 million in

foreign debt will be acquired." He called for a courageous their recurrence.

# Jordan laments lack of Arab food security

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab World is going through a critical stage in view of its increasing dependence on foreign sources for food and the Arab failure to carry out projects that can yield sufficient amounts of food staff for the Arab population, Ministry of Agriculture Socretary General Sami Sunna Said here Saturday.

The Arab World has increased its reliance on external sources to meet its needs for lean meat and

animal feed as the agricultural lands in the Arab World continue to shrink due to building operations and industry in areas which used to be grown with wheat, Sunna said in an address to the opening session of a six-day training course on techniques and methodology to improve barley cultivation

Sunna said wheat and barley were grown in semi-arid areas

rainfall insufficient for the cultivation of grain and cereals.

The course is organised by the International Centre for Agricultural Research and Dry Areas (ICARDA), which has a regional office in Amman. Participants in the course represent Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Qatar.
The course will be conducted by specialists from ICARDA and

from Jordan, according to an ICARDA official.

The course is part of a Mashreq project and is sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The project is being implemented in Jordan, Syria and Iraq, with technical sistance from ICARDA.

According to ICARDA offi-

increase barley, pasture and sheep production in low-rainfall areas of the three countries. Through the project, said an ICARDA official, training will be provided to technicians working in the field to upgrade their knowledge, abilities and skills in barley and livestock production, and in transferring available technology to farmers and sheep

# **Armenians mourn** Jerusalem patriarch

AMMAN (Agencies) - The Armenian community in Jordan and the Holy Land was in a state of mourning Saturday over the death of the Armenian patriarch of Jerusalem, Yeghishe Derderian, who died ·Thursday of a heart attack at his residence in the St. James Convent in the Old City of Jerusalem. He died at the age

The Armenian bishop in Amman Saturday began re-

ceiving condolences. Derderian, one of the three custodians of Jerusalem's Christian boly places, died at about 9 p.m. (1900 GMT) Thorsday, Chruch Secretary Father George Hintlian told the AP in Jerusalem. He said Derderian had been ill with influenza for two days.

Bells of mourning pealed in the Old City's Armenian quarter to announce the death, and dozens of congregation members rushed to the convent. Armenian women, dressed

in black mourning clothes, greeted each other somberly as they entered to pray. Black flags were hung beside the white and red flag of the patriarchy.

Derderian, who was born in the eastern Turkish city of Van, came to Jerusalem in 1922, seven years after his family was killed in the 1915

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entrusted with following up the implementation of resolutions

adopted by inter-governmental conferences on information poli-

cies began a two-day meeting in

Annuan Saturday to review two

working papers dealing with sur-veys and needs of information-

The meeting is organisted by

the Arab Thought Forum (ATF)

office of the United Nations Edu-

cational, Scientific and Cultural

Addressing the opening ses-sion, Dr. Saadeddin Ibrahim, the

ATF president, urged the partici-

pants to submit applicable resolu-

tions. He said previous Arab con-ferences oo information and com-

Organisation (UNESCO).

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In a statement issued on the

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amiversary of Sri Lanka's inde-

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was also seeking to further

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the Palestine question, are given

high concern" by Sri Lanka, Abu Khajil said. "Tht Sri Lankan gov-

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Abu Khajil wished welfare and

prosperity to the Sri Lankan peo-

ple and for the strengthening the forces of stability, democracy and

out hesitation," he added.

"The Arab issues, especially

Sri Lankan consul in Amman.

services in the Arab World.

massacre in which hundreds of thousands of Armenian residents of the Ottoman empire

were slain. He studied at the St. James Theological Semioary and served as its dean before being named deputy patriarch in 1949. In 1960, he became pat-riarch of Jerusalem, Hintlian

Derderian oever married, although Armenian clergymen are permitted to do so.

"He was very outspoken on Armenian affairs," said Hinthan. For example, during January celebrations of the Armenian Christmas, Derderian accused Soviet authorities of not doing enough to stop the violence in the southern Caucasus between Azeris and Armenians. Derderian at the time appealed to world leaders to "stop the continuing blood-

Derderian also wrote 22 books, including biographics of religious figures and poetry, Hintlian said. "He was quite informed about the world and he was a great traveller, added Hintlian.

Derderian was the spiritual leader of 8,000 Armenians in Jordan, Israel, and the occupied West Bank. He was also one of the three custodians of Jerusalem's holy places, along with the Greek Orthodox and

Information specialists review papers

munications issued around 6,000

recommendations dealing with

similar matters but so far none

have been implemented.

Adnan Salem from the UN-

ESCO office said the meeting

would address training and pro-

duction of programmes and ways

to support the Federation of

Arab News Agencies (FANA)

Salem stressed that previous

cooperation in information areas

should be implemented. UN-

ESCO has allocated funds to help

Arab states set up data banks in

information and news material,

which will be located at the pre-

mises of the Jordan News Agen-

cy, Petra, the Syrian News Agen-

cy, SANA, and the North Yemeni

along with other issues.



Yeghishe Derderina

Latin patriarchs. Hintlian said the funeral was teotatively scheduled for the middle of next week, adding that bundreds of clergymen from abroad would attend the

Among the expected guests are Catholicoss Vazkeu, head of the mother church in Soviet Armeoia, and Catholicoss Karekin, head of the Lebanese branch, Hintlian said.

There are about 7.5 million Armenians worldwide, including one million in the United States, Hintlian said.

The Armenian church is one of the Eastern Rite churches which are organised along ethnic lines and accept the authority of the Pope but have considerable aotooomy in ritual and questions of disci-

News Agency, SABA, and has

funds for training personnel,

according to Salem.

Dr. Nawwaf Udwao Com

FANA said the federation had

hired an Arabsat channel to be-

nefit news exchange programmes

among Arab countries. He said

the move was made to promote

communication links and to help

Arab countries exchange cultural

and social development experi-

two-day meeting represent a

number of Arab universities, in-

chiding Yarmouk University, and

several organisations like FANA

and the African Centre for Train-

ing Journalists in addition to the

information department at the

Delegates taking part in the

# Unity key theme of **ACC** Parliament talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Lower House of Parliament Speaker Suleiman Arar Saturday described the outcome of the first meeting of parhamentary committees of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries held in Baghdad last week as finitful and positive.

The recommendations adopted by the meeting represented "the minimum level of the Arab people's aspirations for pan-Arab un-Arar said upoo his return here from Baghdad.

Arar, who led Jordan's 15-

member delegation to the meeting, told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the committee endorsed a statute and discussed various basic issues related to the critical stage through which the Arab World is now passing." Particular attention was given to the situation in the occupied Palestinian land and the influx of Jewish immigrants, he said. The situation in Lebanon and the Iraq-Iran situation in the Gulf were also reviewed, he said.

bers — representing Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen stressed the need for closer cooperation among Arab econom blocs in the face of other major economic blocs and called for pan-Arab unity to confront common challenges.

Arar delivered Jordan's address at the meeting, which was opened by Iraqi President Sad-dam Hussein on Thursday, noting that the way was now open for parliaments of the ACC countries to work together to achieve the goals of the council which was set up last February.

'In view of the international situation and the continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands. the Arabs have on alternative but to unite into one force capable of confronting the challenges," Arar told the meeting. He said that the influx of Jews to the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was "another international conspiracy against the Arab Na-

# **NAF** survey to reveal number of needy families

By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The National Aid Fund (NAF) has initiated a survey designed to reveal the number of needy families in Jordan in order to organise monthly aid supplements for them depending on their needs, according to NAF Director-General Kbalil Al Faouri.

Faonri told the Jordan Times that teams of social workers, in cooperation with local community leaders from the public and the private sectors, were carrying out the survey, which is expected to be completed by March 30.

"Once the survey has been empleted, NAF will take steps to introduce amendments to the NAF's laws and regulations in a bid to expand its services and cover various needy groups," Faouri said.

He-said the survey teams were seeking to determine the number of needy families and the type of assistance these families require. Families with moothly income of JD 80 are entitled to NAF assistance while those who receive JD 40 a month could be receiving more, but everything depends on the oumber of needy families as will be revealed by the survey, Faouri added.

The JD 40 aid given to needy families which have no other income, as decided upon three years ago, is not enough now and arrangements are being made to reconsider the situation and to increase the size of aid," Faonti

The NAF will oot wait for needy groups to call for help. The fund will try to find them and provide them with assistance," he

At present, Faouri ooted, the NAF provides monthly aid to 10,000 families, spending on them approximately one quarter of a million dinars a month. In addition, the NAF has provided aid for people to start businesses. Altogether the fund has financed 250 projects, speeding. JD 200,000, Faouri added.

The NAF provides lump sum aid for families which suddenly lose their breadwinners and tries to find a way for providing training to other members of the family to earn a living.

# 'Arabic music faces onslaught, needs boost'

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 12th meeting of the executive board of the Arab Academy of Music and the first Arab Music Rostrum were opened here Saturday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

Dr. Hani Al Amad, secretary general of the Ministry of Culture, told the opening session, which was attended by Her Majesty Queen Noor, that the Arab World was now facing an onslaught of Western music due to the lack of proper musical training in Arab countries. "There is a dire need for plan-

ning educational programmes that include teaching of music and for distributing works in Ara-bic music," he said. The Ministry of Culture, Amad said, supports the creation of national committees to operate in each Arab country to give attention to music teaching and to maintain contacts with similar international orga-

Brigadier General Tareq Abdul Hakim of Saudi Arabia, president of the Arab League Academy of Music, told the meeting that music should be made to represent Arab culture in geoeral and reflect the national culture in particular.

Saturday's board meeting is part of a week-long programme that includes Arab and international activities. The first Arab Music Rostrum was organised by the International Music Council set up by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) and the Arab Academy of Music in cooperation with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF) National Music Conservatory.
The Arab Broadcasting Union

and the National Music committees of the Arab member states will take part. The week-long programme also includes a seminar entitled "Arab music in Jordan," a series of concerts presented by local groups and performances by local. Arab and international imisicians.

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Arab League.

SOVIET ENVOY VISITS AQABA: Soviet Deputy Minister for foreign affairs economic relations V.F. Mordvinov visited Aqaba port Saturday and was briefed on the port's activities, services and operations. The deputy minister and his delegation visiting Jordan talks for talks on finalising agreements on rescheduling Jordan's debt to the Soviet Union. The delegation will seek to reach agreement on about \$230 million, representing Jordan's debt repayment instalments due in 1989 and 1990, linking part of them to exports of Jordanian products to the Soviet Union, according to official sources.

Lands and Survey in January amounted to JD 1,974,006 compared with JD 1,565,818 in January, 1989, according to Ahmad Hussein, the department's acting director general.

employees are complaining about a new system which is being introduced concerning their promotion. A group of employees were quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as saying that under the new system they have to wait for 10 years for a

CLEANING CAMPAIGN: A public safety committee in South Shuneh has organised a cleanliness campaign covering areas from North Shuneh town in the north to the Dead Sea in the south. The area is oormally visited by weekend vacationers.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

A lecture by the director of the Egyptian Scientific, Medical Society, Dr. Mohammad Abdul 'Al, entitled "AIDS — the disease and the Medicine" — at Abdul Hameed Shoman

\* A German video catitled "Daf Jahr der Hoffmang" at the

7:00 p.m. \* A feature film entitled "Life with Father" at the American

\* A video estitled "Portexhouse Blue" at the British Council -

# **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

LAND REVENUES: Revenues collected by the Department of

UNIVERSITY STAFF COMPLAINT: University of Jordan promotion.

EXHIBITION A plastic art exhibition which includes paintings, sculptures and ceramic works at the Spanish Cultural Centre — 5:00 p.m.

Foundation — 6:00 p.m. FILMS

Goethe Institute - 8:30 p.m. ★ A German video entitled "Themen" at the Goethe Institute —

Centre - 7:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

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# Time to move onto harder tasks

THE ADOPTION of the 1990 budget by the Lower House of Parliament on Saturday is tantamount to a second vote of confidence in the government of Prime Minister Mudar Badran, albeit by a smaller majority this time around.

The support for the austerity budget of JD 1.05 billion came in the wake of heated and comprehensive debate of the issues and problems associated not only with the economic and fiscal policies of the government but also with the many other political and social subjects that reflected the concerns of our parliamentarians. After most deputies took the floor to express their anxieties and air their views, even their aspirations and dreams, the time finally came yesterday to cast their vote. As it turned out, the vote indicated the deputies' approval of and support for the government's budget and its promises and efforts to strengthen it further.

No doubt the majority of parliamentarians have had a gut feeling all along that the government of Mudar Badran shared with them their concerns, worries and hopes. But the deputies must also have felt that the realities inherited from the past curtailed the state's freedom and ability to redress them at once.

It has been understood that the Badran government is serious about dealing urgently and effectively with the issues of unemployment and the rising cost of living which have afflicted our lives in recent times. Also, there has been little doubt that the government would take note of and act on the proposals and ideas submitted in earnest by the various parliamentarians to rectify the social and other hardships that so many Jordanians now experience for no fault of their

The fact that the government had already earned its vote of confidence in January on the basis of its proposed socio-political and economic policies and guidelines has made it that much simpler for Mr. Badran and his colleagues to win the vote of the legislature on Saturday. It is therefore only natural that the reservoir of trust and confidence in the government which was shown in January. rould spill over to its draft budget law that was formulated in the first place with much of the concerns of Jordanians in mind. These shared feelings and perspectives have clearly put the government and the Lower House on the same wavelength and facilitated the adoption of the 1990 budget. as the least painful solution to the economic and fiscal woes of the country. And now that another vote of confidence was realised by the prime minister and his team it is time to go on with the harder task and responsibility to translate the principal features of the budget into realities.

# JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

IN HIS meeting with the Press Association on Thursday King Hussein underlined the dangers posed to the Arab Nation and the role which the Arabs should play now in dealing with them, said Al Ra'i Arabie daily Saturday. The paper referred to the continued Israeli attempts to control all Arab territories and the ongoing efforts to absorb more immigrants to be settled on Arab land. It said that the King has warned of this danger to the nation and urged the media to contribute towards spreading awareness among the public and to shoulder national responsibilities at this crucial stage. Indeed the nation is at a crossroads and facing immense challenges directed to its own existence, and there can be no alternative to unified action to thwart Israel's plans in the occupied region, said the paper. Jordan, which is now entering a new stage of democratic rule, should be able to sound the alarm. before other countries with regard to the influx of Jews in Palestine, and should call the world's attention to the grave. danger in the region, said the paper. It noted that the media in the Kingdom has a serious and responsible role to play in this respect, and can be of immense benefit to rally the Arab ranks in the face of the common dangers.

Writing in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, columnist Tareq Masarweh points an accusing finger to Tehran as being behind the sassination of the three Saudi Arabian diplomats in Thailand. The writer says that Iran is now exercising its terrorism against the Arabs following its failure in tihe Gulf war and its failure also on the domestic front. But, he says that it is most unfortunate that the Iranians are using Arab nationals to carry out the terrorist activities in Europe, Lebanon, Kuwait and now Thailand. The writer notes that the Iranians have all along been hostile to the Arab Nation. regardless of the ruler the shah or the Khomeini; and Tehran has never concealed its hatred to the Arab Nation. It seems Tehran is taking revenge on Riyadh for executing Iranian agents who carried out terrorist actions in Mecca, and is trying to exercise pressure on Saudi Arabia to change its position, the writer adds. One cannot forget Tehran's open collaboration with Israel and the United States in a common effort to weaken the Arab Nation; and therefore one has to bear in mind that although Tehran's terrorist actions sometimes change its hostile attitude remains the same, the writer concludes

At Dustour daily commented on a report by the human rights organisation Amnesty International in which it exposes Israel's crimes against the Arab population of occupied Palestine. The paper referred to the intensification of repressive measures, the random shooting and the deportation of civilians which the Israelis carry out and which is being deplored by Amnesty International. It said that the report should be circulated by the Arabs to various parts of the world with the hope that the conscience of many people can be alerted to the plight of the Palestinian people, and realise the neo-Nazi rule which they are being subjected to in Palestine. It is indeed surprising to hear the world being moved by the Western propaganda campaigns, advocating the cause of the Jews in the Soviet Union who lead a normal life, and nothing is being said about the Palestinians who face the Israeli bullets day and night, the paper noted. It said that the Israelis who continue to commit all kinds of barbaric actions are allowed to escape punishment, while the world continues to respond with silence in the face of grave in justice in Palestine.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Balance of payments figures improved in 1989

PROPER management of the balance of payments is the real challenge to the economic policy of Jordan in the coming years. The problem is the shortage in foreign currency, which, as it stands now, is not sufficient to accommodate all the country's needs and commitments. Without a healthy balance of payments, the Central Bank would not be able to rebuild its reserves and effectively intervene in the market to protect the stability of the

Although Arab and foreign financial aid is extremely important, the backbone of the reform of the current balance of payments account is the increase of exports and the reduction of imports of both goods and services.

Tentative statistics for 1989, the first year in the five year national economic correction programme, indicate that exports were up by at least 15 per cent, and imports were down by a similar percentage, all calculated in terms of dollars. Thus the financing of imports from the proceeds of exports rose from 35 per cent in 1988 to over 50 per cent in 1989. This was obviously a substantial structural improvement.

It means that the Jordanian economy is extremely flexible and

manageable. It responds to changes in policies and measures. If any thing, the improvement exceeded the most optimistic

But commodities are not everything. The balance of services is

equally important. Services, like commodities, can be imported and exported against foreign exchange. It is regrettable that the performance of services in the balance of payments for 1989 did not improve but retreated. The reason for the services set-back was the reduction in expatriates remittances. However the improvement in the commodity side was more than sufficient to cover the deterioration in the services side. The overall result was a net improvement in the current account. It is hoped that remittances from expatriates will pick np gradually to return to its 1987 level, as long as the stability of the economy holds.

The deficit in the balance of payments for 1988 was in the order of 6 per cent of gross domestic product. The economic correction programme looks for the gradual reduction of this deficit over five years to 1993. What was achieved in this area during 1989 was far better than what was targetted in the programme. There is every reason to believe that the improvement will continue in 1990, but perhaps at a slower pace, as long as the government and the Parliament continue to be whole-heartedly committed to the programme, despite the opposing voices here and there, which so far failed to come up with a practical alternative.

The improvement of the balance of payments does not come about through more rigid restrictions on the flow of foreign currencies. It needs more confidence in the future. At one time Jordan witnessed a massive flight of Arab capital into Jordan. Unfortunately, in recent years, the direction of capital flight was reversed. The statistics of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicate that private Jordanian capital abroad did not increase as of mid-1989. The capital flight was halted and the foreign exchange is currently available in the parallel (black) market at the same bank rate or cheaper.

The state budget is a crucial factor in the determination of the factors that influence the balance of payments. The deficit in the budget is normally translated into a deficit in the current account of the balance of payments. The service of foreign debts is a direct burden on the capital account of the balance of payments. The level of public expenditure and tax collection is naturally reflected positively and negatively on the balance of payments. It takes fiscal, monetary, trade and developmental tools, operated in full coordination and harmony, to manage the balance of payments for results. The surplus achieved in 1989 should not tempt us to ease our correction drive. The improvement could not have occurred had it not been for the re-scheduling of instalments, and capitalisation of interest. However, the surplus should serve to convince the IMF and the creditors alike that the grace period given to Jordan was not in vain. It was not time lost. It was time needed to put the house in order, a big operation that may take

# Badran outlines plans to streamline expenditure, address problems

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strong national economy that can face any eventuality. This programme was not imposed on Jordan by any source and it is not true that this programme will only serve the creditors.

This programme has helped the government to reschedule a large part of its foreign debts, giving the national economy a breathing space and enabling it to resume-

### Subsidies for food

The government is keen on providing basic commodities at the present rate of prices without imposing on the public the difference in value that resulted from the devaluation of the dinar. This is being done despite the fact that the prices of all commodities in the countries of origin have gone up. The government has allo-cated JD 60 million in the budget to subsidise these commodities... It should be noted, however, that the total amount of subsidies will reach JD 72 million, like last year, and the difference will be made up from earnings by the Ministry of Supply from the mills, silos and bakeries.

Some deputies said the subsidies do not differentiate between the rich and the poor. The has been studying alternative policies with the Financial Committee so that the needy will

The government will seek to rationalise subsidies and will find means to extend help to those who are really in need. The government is open to suggestions in this respect.

# Salary increases

Some deputies discussed the subject of salary increases for government employees. The government is directing its attention to this matter since civil servants and armed forces personnel are the base of the work force of the country. The government and the Financial Committee have given due attention to this subject, but it was found that the increase will bring about an increase in the amount of budget deficit, and that in turn will lead to an increase in debts and inflation.

A one-dinar increase in the salary of each of civil servant and pensioner will burden the treasary with JD 4.2 million. This means that if JD 10 is added to the monthly salaries the total extra cost will amount to JD 42

The government is keen on reducing the burden imposed on civil servants and pensioner by the soaring prices and therefore it continue to subsidise the basic food commodities and seeks to stabilise prices. The government also shoulders the cost of running the military and civil service consumer corporations at an annual cost of JD 4 million. The government plans to expand the services of the two institutions.

# Unemployment

The government realises the social, economic and political impacts of the unemployment prob-lem. It also realises that there is no magic solution to the problem that can appease all groups. Therefore, the government is determined to adopt practical steps to curb its effects but the following points should be taken into consideration:

1. The National economy has not been able to absorb the increase in the number of workers returning from the Gulf, which lately witnessed a drop in demands for Jordanian workers.

2. Jordan has more than 80,000 unemployed people at a time when it also employs 175,000 non-Jordanian workers. This means that jobs are available for

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Jordanians if they want to replace

foreign workers.

3. Available data reveals that the country has a large number of unemployed males with limited skills who once had jobs but are

4. Jordan has a large number of unemployed people due also to the high rate of population growth - exceeding 3.4 per cent annually. The government takes all these points into consideration and will try to solve the unemployment problem in accordance with the following:

A. Organising the Jordanian labour market to try to employ Jordanians in place of foreignworkers in a gradual way.

B. Increasing job opportunities by giving priority to investment in projects which can absorb workers. The government will also introduce amendments to laws and regulations to offer incen-

At the same time, the government will opt for smaller projects so that they can absorb more workers. Laws will give incentives to small businesess so that they can be attractive to inves-

Creating a proper climate, giving incentive to Jordanian organisations to export services. and products.

ing institutions to act more freely in coping with the need for skilled labour and to train personnel to take over jobs now being carried out by non-Jordanians.

E. Providing information and data about the labour market on continuous basis. F. Speeding up the creation of an

employment fund which can help find jobs for the unemployed especially those with special skills, by providing funds and technical support. -

G. Creating employment offices to help find work for job-seekers. H. Seeking jobs for Jordanians abroad through Jordanian embas-

# High cost of living

The government will deal with the question of soaring prices as

I. To achieve social justice, the government will provide the basic commodities at reasonable prices, especially to the less fortunate groups.

2. The government will adopt a policy which would not discourage the private sector from embarking on investment pro-

The government will adopt a policy which would not allow a decline in the quality of locallyproduced commodities which could prevent Jordanian products from competing in external mar-

In the light of these, the gov-erament will differentiate among four types of commodities and services:

I. Basic food commodities essential for the limited-income groups. The government will, in the short term, continue to subsidise these commodities and the treasury will shoulder the difference in prices. But, in the medium term, the government will seek to achieve social justice by providing subsidies to poor ilies only.

2. Social services which the gov ernment institutions provide. such as electricity, water, educa-tion and health. The government seeks to achieve justice here by adopting a system that differentiates between small consumers with limited income and large consumers. The government will continue to provide free education services at the compulsory level for all social groups and will back and subsidise higher education. All needy groups will be ate among groups when it provides such services by preventing rich people from benefiting from dised services.

3. The government will deal with commodities which are being monopolised. It will continue to price all commodities with regard to its cost in the short term, but will, in the long term, lay the infrastructure that can encourage competition that should put an end to monopoly of any com-

4. The fourth type covers commodities and services that are not included within the first three

Some of these are subject to government pricing while others are not. Since most of these commodities are regarded as neither basic nor subject to local monopoly, the government will allow market forces to set prices. Owing to the effect of this policy on production and investment, this policy will be characterised by clarity and stability so as to protect the rights of investors, industrialists, and merchants without violating the principles of . social justice. The government will establish necessary parallel markets to meet any urgent need and curtail inflated prices so that people with limited income will continuously receive these com-

modities at reasonable prices. is based, in the first place, on developing the efficiency of the public sector and reducing its size as much as possible in return for expansion and diversification of the investment of the private sec-

tor. The plan takes into consideration the economic circumstances the country is passing through. That is why the investment policy will witness a clear change towards investment in order to achieve two main objectives: Increase in foreign currency revenues to help in tackling foreign debts and to create new job

opportunities.
The government will undertake the following measures to encourage investment:

Cancellation of administrative restrictions related to setting up dustrial projects. Investors will be given the freedom to set up industries with no administrative restrictions.

2. Reviewing the law on encouragement of investment and simplifying standards for granting

Studying the role of the De-partment of Standards and Specifications and enabling it play a leading role in improving quality, efficiency, and competitive nature of national industries. 4. Establishing a framework for

the process on financing exports providing further banking facilities for the export of nontraditional products.

5. Developing the facilities offered by Industrial Cities Corporation and the free zones as well as securing further funds for the Industrial Development Simplifying export procedures and curtailing restrictions.

Owing to the importance of the services sector in Jordan, efforts are currently exerted to study the most successful methods to develop this sector and to enable it absorb additional manpower. Efforts are also exerted to create service institutions in the private sector capable of exporting these services to neighbouring coun-

I listened with great attention and care to all demands and proposals forwarded by deputies and related to the governorates and regions they represent. I was convinced with the importance of conducting a serious and comprehensive study about the people's worries and aspirations. The government will undertake a scientific socio-economic and administrative survey and define priorities and costs in a way different from direct reports that neither. look into the depth of problems nor provide comprehensive solutions. Such a survey will help the government reach an accurate mechanism through which all demands can be classified and solutions could be reached. A quick review of the nature of demands and views I heard from you on the governorates and regions you represent may lead to classification as such:

First: Administrative demands that can be categorised as:

Demands that can be solved through adminstrative means but without incurring public b. Demands that can be solved

administratively and funds are c. Demands that can be solved administratively but need

Second: Administrative demands that are attainable, or need allocations of extra funds. or require a long-term develop-ment dittension. The govern-ment will do its best to carry out the demands requiring immediate administrative measures or other administrative measures linked to budget. All administrative measures demanding additional regular needs. spendings will be seriously consi-

The committee entrusted with studying this subject has made progress to preparing a draft law on agricultural products.

In the field of animal feed, a total of 26 new centres in various governorates are being opened. In the field of pasture lands, the Ministry of Agriculture had signed a 550,000 dunum land to develop pastures and stop deserification.

In the field of education, there is a plan to build 430 schools in all parts of the Kingdom.

Furthermore, the 1990 fiscal budget includes necessary allocations for building new 67 schools. The government will continue to expand and support the four universities so as to enable them to efficiently perform their development role

A total of five billion cubic feet of gas was consumed for generating eletricity and a committee was formed to study the pricing of gas thus used. No oil exploration in the Kingdom has produced good

We have cancelled the Telecommunication Corporation's five year plan in accordance with the policy of curtailing spending. The allocations in this year's funds already allocated in the budget is sufficient for the purchase of equipment needed for daily.

Efforts are under way to exdered when preparing the next tend telephone and postal services to the regions that the deputies mentioned in their

The Water Authority of Jordan is currently studying leakages from water networks and replacing old pipes and meters.

As for the pollution caused to

waters of wadis by wastewater treatment plants, the government has launched a comprehensive study related to all these plants and their effects on the environment. All conclusions in this regawrd will be implemented at the

first opportunity.

Allocations for rural and agricultural roads will be distributed to governorates with consideration of the population and area of inhabited regions. The sums allocated for major roads are intended to complete projects already under way.

As for the Karak Hospital, the Italian government has allocated \$12 million to improve the standard of services there and set a condition that the Italian side will prepare the project plans while the Jordanian government will decide the site. The Indian side failed to present project plans and the government had to cancel a tender on the site. Discussions with the Italian side in this regards will be resumed during follow-up meeting-between the two governments in June. If no agreement is reached in this regard, then the Jordanian government will look for alternatives to finance the project.

# Jardaneh explains allocations, debts

revised in view of the devaluation of the dinar and it was found that Jordan pays in foreign currency to foreign countries more than it

collects for long-distance calls. Therefore, there was an increase in the charges. The increase was necessary to stop the drain on foreign currency. The government increased local revenues from telephone calls - an estimated 30 per cent during October and November 1989 compared with the same months of the previous year.

The government will however reexamine the situation and will cancel telephones granted to officials if they were found unneces-

7. The Financial Committee said that only JD 90 million have been allocated for development in the 1990 budget, but did not mention the amounts obtained through local revenues to be spent on industrial projects, and services like schools, hospitals, communications etc. These will all pledged to give the loan between help to increase economic 1986 and 1990.

growth.

8. The committee asked about a

loan to the Jordan Cement Company in the 1990 bidget. I would like to explain that the South Cement Company was merged with the Jordan Cement Factories Company in 1985 and the government granted the company a loan under an agreement, which stated that the company will pay back the loan by 1.1.1991 in two sixmonthly instalments. Under the 25 to agreement, the government

# Expenditure cut by JD 11.8 m

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a general economic, financial and social policy aimed at reducing private and public consumption, cuts expenditure and promises increased internal revenue through higher income on the higher income group and more efficient collection of revenues.

Responding to demands raised by deputies during the debate on the budget, Prime Minister Mudar Badran pledged in an address made before Saturday's vote that the government would seek to alleviate the hardships posed by the Kingdom's foreign debt burden.

He also outlined a series of measures to address the unemployment problem, rationalise public spending, ensure proper channelling of food subsidies which, he said, may go up to JD 72 million from the allocated JD 60 million - to the really needy, continue to support the education and health sector and to study various demands put forward by deputies for development and services in their respective consti-

He said, however, it would be impossible to meet demands made by some parliamentarians for raising salaries of civil scr-vants, who were hit hard over the past two years by soaring inflation and restrictions on overtime.

pay.
"If we were to give a ID 1 raise in the salary of every civil servant bureau in Washington, D.C., and

this year it would cost JD 4 million so a JD IO raise wor 1 mean JD 42 million," Badran

told the House. The premier said that Jordan's 80,000 unemployed citizens could be absorbed by gradually decreasing the number of foreign workers whom he estimated at

The House's Financial Committee, which debated the budget daily for over three weeks, originally submitted proposals aimed at cutting the budget by JD 15.359 million and readjusting allocations to some ministries and public departments to curb what described as unnecessary spending.

Deputies, however, Saturday rejected proposed cuts totalling JD 3.670 million from the budget of the Public Security Department (JD I.5 million) and universities (JD 2 million) as well as JD 170,000 from allocations to the Foreign Ministry.

In he current spending tables proposed for this year's fiscal budget, the House approved a proposal by the Financial Comtee to increase the budget of the National Aid Fund and added JD 2.5 million to its proposed budget of JD 2.2 million.

Allocations for spending by the Ministry of Information were reduced by ID 136,000 through a JD 70,000 cut in the JD 270,000 budget of the Jordan information

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scrapping JD 66,000 in allocations to the government-owned "Al Tanmish" magazine and the media development department.

In capital expenditure, Badran opposed a proposed cut of JD 170,000 in the budget of the Foreign Ministry. He said the allocations were made to ministries which had no furniture what-

"We established a consulate in

Jeddah and an embassy in Rome. If you decide that we shouldn't open them then cancel the allocations," Badran told the House while defending the allocations. The House rejected a proposed JD 2 million cut in allocations for Jordan's four universities even after Ensour explained that these

funds available to the universities in 1990. Ensour added that even after the proposed cuts in universities allocations "they will still receive an extra income of JD 1.5 mil-

cuts would not affect the actual

The House approved a JD 6 million cut in the proposed JD 12 million government aid to the Jordan Cement Factory Company to help it cover its loans. The minister of youth was able to avent a proposed ID 300,000

cut in the capital expenditure of his ministry's budget. The amount was originally allocated to establishing squash courts, a the kwon do centre and horse riding arons at the Hossein Sports

# Jordan's tourism—incredible potential, problems of funds and organisation

strategy. This would identify suit-

able tourist sites and seek govern-

ment approval and incentives for

development projects to be fi-nanced by Arab and Jordanian

Kabariti said 11 local investors

had expressed interest in building

four hotels in Petra, where an

existing afour-star hotel will com-

plete a 65-bed extension in about

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is hard to secure bank loans for

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Kabariti said two hotels would

be built in Agaba this year and a

The government is willing to

health hotel on the Dead Sea was

Another priority was to up-grade hotel training facilities for

Jordanians who lack experience

He said sharp increases in hotel

prices such as the 50 per cent

dapped on in August to compen-

sate for a slump in the exchange

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Hoteliers say their prices are

still competitive. A night in a

five-star hotel in Amman costs

about \$100 for an individual. A

couple on a group tour might pay

only \$96 for a room, breakfast

and dinner at the same hotel.

nearing completion.

in the tourist sector.

By Alistair Lyon Reuter

AMMAN - Scannily-clad Finns crowding the Red Sea beach at Agaba are good news for Jordan's fledgling tourist in-dustry, but Islamic fundamentalists say they are offensive.

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"The people of Aqaba are getting fed up with the flagrant clothes of tourists... this leads to moral corruption," Muslim Brotherhood deputy Yousef Al Athm told parliament last week.

The success of Islamists in last year's election is just the latest worry for tour operators who say Jordan may lose out in a competitive world market unless it takes tourism more seriously.

"Until now we haven't realised. that tourism is an industry and a source of the hard currency Jordan needs. To make money you must spend it," said Near East Tours manager George Bawab. -Jordan, straggling with a huge foreign debt, earned more than \$600 million from tourism in 1988, not far behind exports income of \$875 million, official-

figures show. Figures for 1989 have not yet been issued, but operators say it was another good year despite the impact of the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied

West Bank and Gaza Strip. This scared off most of the American religious tourists who used to visit Jordan briefly on

tours of the holy land. "We used to get 40 to 60 U.S. groups in March and April, but this year we have only seven or

eight," Bawab said. Bawab and his colleagues say Jordan needs a more aggressive, professional and coordinated

approach to fulfill its potential. We are on the threshold of a tremendous leap forward, but we are about to lose our advantage," said Munir Nassar, manager of International Trades, a travel

Jordan has become accepted as a tourist desitnation in Europe, Japan and the Gulf countries, but we need funds and organisation

to sustain this," he added. "The potential is incredible, especially for incentive and selec-tive tourism," said Majid Khalil, manager of the five-star Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, "but we need more infrastructure and we

must reache the people who haven't heard about Jordan." This year 10,000 Finns and 2,800 West Germans on package tours are expected to sample the winter sunshine of Aqaba.

They will pack botels there from mid-February to the end of May. An acute shortage of hotel beds also afflicts Jordan's main tomist attraction, the rock-hewn Nabatean city of Petra,

"We could triple or quadruple the 60,000 package tourists we get now, but we need more beds in Petra," Bawab said.

A good road network gives east access to most of the Kingdom's rich archaeological sites, such as Jerash, Mount Nebo, Pella, Um Qais and a chain of Islamic desert. castles But tourist hotels, resthouses

and restaurants; where they exist at all, are rudimentary at many Tourism Minister Abdul Karim

Kabariti, whose family owns an Agaba hotel, acknowle shortcomings and is trying to persuade the government and private sector to invest more.

"Tourism is the only hope for Jordan," he told Reuten, saying it had better prospects as a moneyspinner than industry of agriculture which faced growing regional competition.
What we can offer tourists is

unmatchable but we need money to launch a marketing campaign abroad and the ministry has a promotion budget of only 130,000

dollars," he said. Kabariti is promoting a plan to create a private sector tourist agency funded by matching contributions from private investors, the government, the national airline Royal Jordanian and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The target is \$800,000 this year to plot a five-year investment

# Spirits, numbers, stars Interest in the science of astrology is

increasing among the young generation, especially because of the fact that it deals with the unknown, predicting the future and analysing the major characteristics of people's personalities, Saeda Kilani interviews one of Jordan's astrologers.

AMMAN — After 37 years of continuous study in spiritualism, estrology and numerningy, Mohammad Abdul Hadi has become one of the few experts in the field in Jordan. He predicts the future and major events in one's life and personality through "hasic and scientific analysis," he

With an average of 10 to 15 "clients" a week, Abdul Hadi tries to apply his knowledge of astrology in analysis of people's personalities, lives and careers. In turn, the clients themselves could deduct how this science operates and consequently apply it on their future, according to

Abdul Hadi. Abdul Hadi has written three books, but says he was disappointed with public reaction to his works, mainly on astrology and numerology - relatively un-known subjects in Jordan.

"An average of only 750 copies of my books were sold out of a total of 2,500," Abdul Hadi told the Jordan Times in an interview at his home in Jabal Luweibdeh. Faced with the discouraging response, Abdul Hadi, in his late sixties, stopped publishing books and began inviting people to his residence with the purpose of expanding his scientific analysis and confirming the importance of astrology as a science to the public. He now charges JD 5 per 'sitting" which usually lasts for about an hour.

Some of those who visit him are from the younger generation seeking to their future, though they admit their being indifferent to the whole procedure. Sawsan Addeken, 25 years old, says that she visited Abdul Hadi mostly out of curiosity. "I went there because I did not have anything else to do; but, truthfully, he said many accurate things about my past, and accordingly, I hope what he said about my future; from the financial point of view. will be true. I buy now many lottery tickets!"

In his session with Addeken, Abdul Hadi asked her only about ber name and birthdate at the ducted major events about her past which, according to her, were true. The way Abdul Hadi conducts his "sitting" is first by informing the client about the meaning of the first letter of his/her name, then about the whole name and the effect it imparts on the personality. "From my birthdate, he calcu-

lated the numbers, and predicted the important years in my life and also read in my past. Then he also figured out many behavioural characteristics from my sign, which happens to be true," said Sawsan.

However, Abdul Hadi complains, people disbelieve or rather do not take this science as a real, independent and useful one. The argument was clearly reflected in the words of another of his clients.

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if he were not a real researcher on the subject," Jules Gress said. However, until now I don't beheve that anyone could predict the future, not even him, even if it was a real science of its own."

Abdul Hadi's first interest was

spiritualism; "the survival of death, that is, everyone has a spirit body in addition to his physical body. The former is the original and the latter is a temporary vessel used by the spirit for a certain number of years," be says. "Then, when the physical body becomes useless because of age, disease and accident, the spirit withdraws from it to another realm of existence: the spiritual world.

This science created in me the desire to know more about it," explains Abdul Hadi. "That is why I kept travelling to England to attend various spiritual circles and sit with mediums; who were able to receive messages from the spirit world and convey them to

Then, spiritual healing in particular appealed to him. He says that according to his studies in this field, it is believed that doctors who have passed to the spirit world discovered that there are bealing rays which can be transmitted to patients on earth through mediums. "Now, in many countries, including England, the United States and other Western countries, there are thousands of such mediums who are being used by spiritual doctors to transmit the same healing rays," he says.

During the 1970s, Abdul Hadi visited many spiritual clinics and sanctuaries and watched many healing mediums provide their

One of the very well-known mediums, Harry Edwards, who died in 1980, offered his services for over 40 years, according to Abdul Hadi, who says he witnessed a case where Edwards cured a 75 year old man who had suffered from arthritis for seven years. His illness knew no cure, but was given painkiller tablets, but soon ceased to have effect and the old man's problem became more and more scute before he approached Edwards.

"Dr. Edwards placed his hands on the back of the patient, allowing the spirit rays to come to his back bones," recalls Abudl Hadi. "Then, he moved his hands to the patient's knees. In less than three minutes, the patient said the pain had vanished and everything was normal."

In 1968, Abdul Hadi changed his orientation into astrology after having passed through the same conditions and misfortunes that a lady astrologer in New Zealand predicted a year ago.

"By correspondence, this lady sent me a book of numerology that shows the meaning of numbers that appear in our birthday and how to convert the letters in our names into numbers, then to try to find out the correlation be-

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tween the numbers of our birthdate and the numbers of the existing year," Abdul Hadi ex-

From that time on and for 23 years, he consecrated most of his time on studying numerology and astrology; purely personal studies. And because of the rarity of books on this subject, he used to buy them from England.

Abdul Hadi says he has conducted extensive research on the topics, "including the effect of planets on birth signs and partly the indication the name has on onr personality and the signifi-

names to our career.

In India, for example, Hindu parents do not name their children themselves; according to one of the researches of Abdul Hadi, when the child is born, parents go to specialised scientist or astrologer to choose the name for them in order to stimulate, a linkage between birthdate numbers and number of letters in the

"The importance of this science is to prepare people psychologically to what may happen in the future," explains Abdul Hadi, "and to warn them, if we can, of cance of the first letter in our any possible misfortunes".

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# **Arab Sat**

In the computerised complex age, a highly efficient contraption is silently orbiting the upper strata, carrying a primitive paradox, the Arab Sat.

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The stone romancers, are sculpting their future, a new breed, equipped with the essence of sacrificial courage that fuels their exquisite zeal; an omen for us to start a serious revision of our current criteria, thus, inevitably, yielding a solution. One, which we dreamt of for long, unity, could ultimately alleviate our plight.

Unity, a simple yet powerful word, has been conveyed to us through religion and literature. Unfortunately it was always

disregarded and branded with a political emblem. The United Kingdom, the United States of America, the United Soviet Socialist Republics have all realised that unity exudes power and fortifies The primitive paradox that has puzzled the likes of me, is still

perplexing many. Why is it that we have the doctrine, the natural resources, the sense of belonging, the manpower, the arable lands, and last but not least the brains, and yet we are wasting ourselves, generation after generation, into oblivion?

I beseech the new generation to obviate all disputes, and to adopt unity as their saviour. Then and only then will we enjoy the Arab

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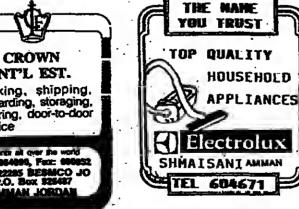
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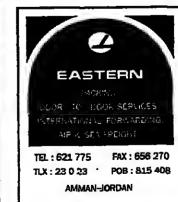




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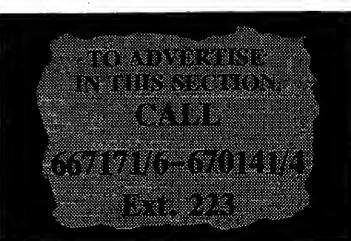
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# Bonn accelerates debate on German monetary union

FRANKFURT (R) — West Germany called Friday for faster moves towards a monetary union between the two Germanys.

"To provide the East German people with an immediate and convincing hope for the future, the introduction of the (West German) mark as the official currency in East Germany could be oecessary," West German Fi-nance Minister Theo Waigel said. He presented the possibility of introducing the West German currency as one of two choices.

he alternative, favoured by the powerful West German central bank and leading economists, was to wait until East German economic productivity had im-proved before making the East German mark convertible and then creating monetary union.

"This path is well justified on economic grounds, but it needs time and will require patience on the part of the East German people," Waigel said.

He linked the debate about monetary union with moves for a unification of the two Germanys which have gathered pace dramatically after East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow Thursday urged the creation of a single, neutral Germany.

"In this context, the question arises of the relationship between the two German currencies.'

Waigel said.
The West Germao central bank, the Bundesbank, has takeo the same caotious stance oo German monetary unioo as it has on economic and monetary union within the European Community. On both counts, it has called

for only gradual moves to the creation of a single currency. In January, Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl said it was not realistic to believe East Germany would introduce the West German mark as its currency. If it did, East Germany's currency would be administered in Frank-

furt, he added. Waigel said: "It is essential for the Bundesbank to remain in charge of the money supply in the

joint currency area with regard to policies of monetary stability." No immediate comment on

to push prices higher and at the close the DAX index had gained

52.59 points, or 2.8 per cent, to end at a record 1,910.67. It rose

more than 35 points Thursday.

this market," one trader said.

Traders said overseas interest

had been a driving force since the

beginning of the year as investors

flooded into the market on a

belief that West Germany's eco-

nomy would be one of the main

beneficiaries of the liberalisation

securities was supported last

week by news that well capital-

ised Japanese securities houses

had recently formed several

paring to set up more such invest-

"Germany" funds and were pre-

Currency dealers in Tokyo

the investment wave. They

have said the yen has been falling

against the mark partly because

said the portfolio funds being set

up from late January to February

could total up to some 200 billion

said domestic buyers were jump-

ing into the market on every new

rumour that a major foreign

address was buying or preparing

A share trader said at least one

major U.S. brokerage firm was

believed to be aiming at increas-

ing the amount of German stocks

in its international investment

Other rumours point to the

But the trader said such strong

possibility that major London

houses will begin concerted

gains were bound to lead to a

correction. "We're telling clients

interested in good short-term

gains to get out of the market this

Foreign investment funds have

principally focused on blue chip

West German shares, such as the

major banks, chemical companies

and utilities which make up the

Turks rush

ISTANBUL (R) - Investors

queued up at dawn at booming

Istanbul's stock exchange Friday

to snap all newly-floated shares of

two Turkish firms and a bank. "It

was unbelievable. People came

in the dark and then stormed

through the exchange," said one

broker. "It was like a scene from

the gold rush days of past centur-

ies." The market index gained

two per cent to a record 3.833.96.

It has risen more than 10-fold

since the end of 1988 on a bull run sporred by new regulations' admitting foreign buyers. The new shares offered by Finans-

bank A.S., a private bank, Gen-

tas A.S., a producer of metal

equipment, and Peg A.S. of Pro-filo, a durable household goods

maker, sold out immediately.

Finansbank, which more than

doubled 1989 profits, set an offer

price of 6,600 lira.

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One Frankfurt share trader

The rush to invest in Germen

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"Foreign buyers are making

Waigel's statement was available from the Bundesbank, but a spokesman for the finance ministry in Bonn said the two authorities had been in lose contact. Poehl is due to visit East Berlin Feb. 6, when he will hold talks with the president of the East German central bank. Horst Kaminsky.

Waigel received backing for a faster move towards monetary rmion between the two Germanys Friday from Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Genscher told West German radio: "The preparations for an economic and monetary union must start oow and not later." Waigel conceded that the intro-

duction of the West German mark would necessarily create problems in East Germany which would have to be solved in a humane way.
On the other hand, there were

chances that introducing the West German currency would lead to an immediate improvement in the supply of goods in the East German economy, an increase in productivity and the creation of new jobs.

East Germany's troubles were emphasised Monday by Modrow who said the economy was in tatters and the exodus of disillusioned citizens was continuing unabated.

West Germao government spokesman Dieter Vogel told reporters Friday that more than 58,000 East Germans, an average of 2,000 a day, crossed into West Germany in January.

Meanwhile, frenzied foreign buying, stoked by signs German unification is getting closer to reality, pushed West German share prices to an all-time high Friday, traders said. The DAX index of 30 leading

West German shares rose 2.2 per cent in the first half hour of bourse trading to exceed the pre-vious high of 1,876.23 reached

**ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS** 

BAHRAIN (R) - Australia's Westpac Banking Corporation said

Saturday it would close its representative office in Bahrain by the

end of April. The closure was part of a review of overseas operations by the bank that would also affect other offices, chief representative Allan Fraser said in a statement. "The bank's

commitment to Bahrain and other Gulf states will, however,

continue to be serviced through a regular visiting programme by executives from Australia and London offices," the statement

said. Westpac has been operating in Bahrain since 1976. It

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's first attempt to raise funds through a local bond issue was a failure, the country's news agency APS said

Saturday. The agency, giving results for the first time, said the issue raised only 13.2 million dinars (\$1.6 million) compared to the target of 4.5 billion dinars (\$562 million). The 1989 national solidarity loan was aimed at absorbing excess liquidity and helping

to finance a projected current account deficit of 13 billion dinars (\$1.6 billioo). Officials said people found the interest rates

unattractive and lacked confidence in the government's economic

recovery plan. Many were also unfamiliar with the concept of

bonds. The issue was in three tranches, a 12-year bond in dinars at

eight per cent annual interest, a three-year oo-interest bond and a

five-year bond in French francs at nine per cent annually. APS said only four million dinars (\$500,000) had been raised in hard

TEL AVIV (R) — Hundreds of Israeli farmers have decided to set up an association to market their produce through alternative

channels to the citrus marketing board and Agrexco monopolies, Israel radio has reported. Both companies have a legally-anchored monopoly but farmers who argue that administrative

costs significantly reduce their income have increasingly criticised

their role. Agrexco handles non-citrus perishable farm produce.

The radio said the farmers took the decision at a meeting in the

village of Kfar Bilu, near Rehovot, Thursday. It also quoted Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz as saying he would not permit marketing outside the existing system but was ready to help to streamline operations to cut costs.

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain's civil servants began a five-day

working week Saturday, cutting a day from the 36 hour week they previously spent in the office. The six-month trial makes Bahrain the third Gulf Arab state after Oman and Saudi Arabia to introduce a two-day weekend.

Israeli farmers seek independence

Westpac to close Bahrain office

Algeria's first bond issue fails

# Polish inflation, unemployment soar

WARSAW (R) - Poland's unemployment and inflation and a low strandard of living," jumped to postwar records last month as government austerity measures began to bite, accord-

ing to figures issued Friday.

State television, citing the finance ministry, said overall inflation in January was 68.2 per cent while food prices rose 75 per

The overall figure far exceeded a 46 per cent official forecast and December's 17.7 per cent rise. Unemployment also soared to tens of thousands for the first

time in post-war Poland after being officially non-existent for 45 years until Solidarity ousted the communists in September. Government spokeswoman

Malgorzata Niezabitowska told a news conference that 55,800 people were registered as unemployed and seeking jobs in January compared with 9,600 in December.

Jobs available fell from 254,000 to 35,200, she said. The ratio of jobs available dropped from 26 per job-seeker to less than one. In Warsaw the rate was 5-1 but it was dramatically lower in some provincial cities.

The government has prepared social security measures to cope with 400,000 unemployed under its austerity programme but it says International Monetary Fund (IMF) experts forecast up. stitutions. to one million.

However, another unemployment statistic announced by Niezabitowska was likely to be welcomed by Poles. She said the government had substantially dismantled the SB secret police, slashing its oumbers from 9,193

Most of the redundant men, whose service was a pillar of the former communist government, had been sent to normal police work and some were being retrained, she said.

The sharp rise in prices and unemployment showed the impact of the IMF-backed corrective programme launched Jan. 1 to curb hyper-inflation that totalled 740 per cent last year.

However, Niezabitowska and Deputy Fioaoce Mioister Andrzej Podsiadlo told reporters there were signs that the programme was on track and would quickly bring down inflation.

They said prices soared sharply in the first week of January, when subsidies were lifted and utility prices increased several times, but flattened out progressively during the month.

The government was now revising downwards its February forecast of 20 per cent inflation. The television said the finance ministry's new forecast was 7.4 per cent but Podsiadlo did not confirm this.

# Unique solution

Meanwhile Poland has began lobbying Western nations for a unique solution to its \$40 billion debt burden which is threatening its sweeping economic reform programme, a senior Polish central bank official said.

"Why should our children, who were not involved in the choice of

system, be burdened with debt said Andrzej Olechowski, first vice-president of the Polish National Bank.

He told Reuters in an inverview that Poland was seeking a solution to its debt burden which could not repeated by other debtor nations.

"I should be something very specially designed for Poland and impossible to repeat in other countries. We're testing some ideas... with foreign friends," he

Western governments have been concerned that special treat-ment for Poland could set a precedent for other major debtor nations, either in Latin America or Eastern Europe. About two-thirds of Poland's

\$40 billion debt is owed to governments and the rest to banks and Warsaw is worried that this burden could hamper it plans to shift from a centrally planned to a market economy.

"A solution has to be found. and it has to be a European solution" Olechowski said. A three-year breathing space from servicing its debt should be part of the plan, he added.

Olechowski is accompanying Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki on a visit to Belgium and the European Community's in-

Mazowiecki told the European Parliament Thursday it was vital that Poland get "a total dispensation from the obligation to pay back principal and interest on its debt this year."

"It's important we get not just immediate relief but oew measures that would allow a substantial reduction of the debt itself,' the prime minister added.

Western monetary officials believe Poland will seek to defer the bulk of obligations falling due this year. Some believe that a reduction in the debt burden would only be negotiated in 1991. The Paris Club of Western

creditor governments meets Feb. 14 and 15. Eugenio Lari, World Bank director responsible for Eastern Europe, told reporters last month he expected Poland to able to make only small payments on its debt during 1990. Olechowski told Reuters

Thursday that Poland needed a breathing space as its ambitious economic switch got under way, but even then the debt would be unsustainable at current levels. "If we have to start servicing it

again after that, it could endanger the whole programme," he said. Even if Polish exports did well, he estimated that the debt service ratio could not be brought down to a manageable level before about 2016.

He said the austerity programme begun this year was going as well as could be expected and foreign reserves were swelling as both people and businesses sold dollars for zloties.

Poland recently got an international \$1 billion fund to help stabilise the zloty. People are now selling dollars because there is little black market advantage in hoarding them and because they need their savings to cope with inflation.

Olechowski said there was concern about prices rising higher than planned but these were stabilising and there were hopes that some prices would come down in

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# THE BETTER HALF By Harris HARRIS 1-6 "Our love for each other gets deeper every day...deeper

into a rut."

Japan vehicie exports deciine

Bahrainis begin 2-day weekend

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's exports of cars, trucks and buses declined by 3.6 per cent to 5.88 million vehicles in 1989, the fourth consecutive year of decline, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association has said. The association said the reason was a 9.9 per cent decline in exports to the United States, where local production of Japanese cars is expanding. It said six Japanese makers produced 1.25 million vehicles in the United States in 1989, up 40.6 per cent from 1988. Meanwhile, exports to the United States from Japan fell to 2,430,259 vehicles. Globally, Japan exported 4,391,869 passengers cars in 1989, down 0.9 per cent; 1,456,887 trucks, down 10.4 per cent and 35,149 buses, down 23.1 per cent, all compared with 1988, the association said.

# AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

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Jumbles: SNOWY BEFOR SCHEME HELDA What horsepower should be imbed with HORSE SENSE





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# The Malaysians win the 2nd round

By Screne Halasa Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- Malayara Seturday beat lorden in the second round of the Davis Cup Asia/ Oceania zone group II tumis tournament in men's doubles. Adam Malik, and V. Selvam replaced U. Murali Dharan and Kim Ka Vhei of Malaysia who were supposed to play Jordan according to the draw that took places on Thursday, at Hotel Jordan Inter Continental . It is legal under the laws of the Davis Cup terms tournament to make such a switch one hour before the game. This switch added a lot of pressure on the Jordanian team which consisted of Hani Al Ali and Iyad Shehadeb. "I knew they were going to switch," Al Ali said.

The flow of the game was steady, until the third set when the Jordanian team went all out but still failed to secure victory and the game ended 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 for Malaysia. The tournament, sponsored



Iyad Shehadeh (right) and Sand Al Ali

by Hotel Jordan Inter.Contincutal, was attended by Her Majesty Queen Noor, President of Jordan Tennis Federa-

tion Dr. Daoud Hanania.

members of the federation, and an audience of tennis en-

# **GOREN BRIDGE**

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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Q-2-As South, vulnerable, you **♦**A1093 ♥32 ♦¥65 **♦**A¥73 West South North East Pass 1 V Pass Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?

O.3-Neither vulnerable, as South #4 PKJ102 CAQ10 #AQ1093 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North What action do you take?

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

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The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 V Pass 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you ±5 ⊽8763 ≎AKJ92 ±J53 Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

O.6-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: you note:

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The bidding has proceeded:

North East South - West

| © Pass | 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass What action do you take?

Look for answers on Monday.

# THE Daily Crossword by Kannath Witte



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CONCORD



# Tyson fails to impress the Japanese | Coe pulls out after

TOKYO (R) - World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson sparred for four rounds in front of a sell-out audience of 700 on Saturday but most of the Japanese fans were unhappy with the champion's perform-

"I was very disappointed with tyson." said a Tokyo high-school student, who paid 5,000 yen (\$35) and spent two hours riding in a train to get to the session. "I know this is a part of practice but it felt like I wasted my money. "I came here to see Tyson's iron punch not ducking nor clin-

ching."
The 23-year-old champion was tottered when he received a powerful left book from former world heavyweight champion Greg Page in the starting round.

bring more attractiveness to the home.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) A confidence given by a friend gives you the chance to

straighten out a difficult situation. Be very careful on jaunts today that you take with your attach-

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) Stick to congenial

companions socially today who have proven their loyalty. A new

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break up some adverse conditions.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Home conditions ar

very pleasant and agreeable so

enjoy them greatly. Happiness comes from taking attachment out

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) Invite those from afar into

your home and they become fast friends. Now is the time please

your attachment by taking in some

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A delay in making a good friend of a highly placed person

brings better late results. You and your family can now find ways to

reduce difficult obligations at

Today's child: If your child were born today he or she is one of those highly acceptable youngsters who is a born trouble-shooter and can

solve all sorts of complex problems in career and vocational matters.

This child needs to learn not to

take thing personally and instead act in an impersonal manner.

"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you.

on the town

new places.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 1990

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Tact, diplomacy and subtlety is required today so that you do not

come a cropper in going after what it is that you really need to main-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

This is the time to make additions to repairs that will enhance the value of your property. You are about to make some new contacts

with persons who are practical.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Get as many persons of neat touch as possible to help you with regular duties. Be enthusiastic in doing

mutual chores with family mem-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Some fascinating new friend is available to come into your life. Receive with open arms. Take

your family out to some charming

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) Conditions at bome are

best for entertaining your social

group. Get as many kin as possible together under your own roof.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Jaunts with friends can bring much benefit

to everyone who is concerned.

Maintain present harmonious con-

ditions with attachment as desired

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) Don't argue with companions

where to go to have a good time.

Speak very plainly of your wishes to your attachment or much confu-

sion results.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Show loyal companions that you are happy to go along with what they wish to do. An outsider of experience shows you how to

changes come later.

places of entertainment.

tain your present position.

another sparring partner from the second round.

One member of the audience screamed after the first round: "Wake up, champ. You're strong. Wake up."

Throughout the sparring session, Tyson seemed to be concentrating on ducking and avoiding punches rather than hitting his Opponent. His chief trainer, Aaron Snow-

ell, told reporters after the session: "We'll have to do something more on technical points and Mike has to punch more often ... but Tyson is in good shape both physically and men-

Tyson spent half an hour more in the ring after the sparring match to check on details with

Tyson had Page replaced by two trainers. He shock his head many times.

James 'Buster' Douglas, Tyson's 10th challenger, received more praise when he cornered his three different sparring parters with strong attacks, led by sharp

left jabs. "As far as today's sparrings are concerned, it is obvious who's going to win the match," another member of the andience said. "Tyson will sink."

Tyson has not seemed ready for the fight since he came to Japan Jan. 16 despite his comment on arriving that he was in top condition.

Tyson was knocked down once last Wednesday during practice in what his trainers called a slip. He was also reported to have a weight problem.

# PAN PACIFIC TOURNAMENT

# Graf meets Sanchez in final

ela Maleeva Saturday to reach the Pan Pacifie indoor tennis tournament final in which she faces Spain's Arantxa Sanchez. Second seed Sanchez ousted Japan's number one Akiko Ki-

jimura 6-4, 6-2 in 88 minutes in the other semifinal. World number one Graf, used to winning matches in under an hour, needed 42 minutes to take the opening set in which the crueial break of third seed Maleeva's serve came in the

seventh game. The West German took a further 38 minutes to complete petition for the first time.

two babies in Cyprus.

TOKYO (R) — Stefi Graf carved out a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Mannresent Switzerland this year, committed costly errors on forehand and backhand groundstrokes. Sunday's final is a repeat of last

year's French Open final in which Sanchez beat Graf 7-6, 3-6, 7-5. Graf has won her four other encounters against the 18-yearold Spaniard since 1988.

Sanchez said: "I don't have anything to lose against Steffi. I'm going to play good termis... like I did in the French Open." Graf beat Maleeva to win the Tokyo tournament in 1986, while Sanchez is competing in the com-

across to the officials's hnt and

# impressive past

AUCKLAND, New Zealand the least and now we wants to see (AP) - Fourteen years after Coe go out that way," Jeffery Sebastian Coe launched a career that yielded 12 world records, the last act of an athelete whose style was synonymous with grace and speed was a 40-metre stroil

on a warm-up track. The 33-year-old Englishman said goodbye to world track on a small, windy oval-shaped training field, half a world away from the arenas where he made his name as one of the greatest middledistance runners of all time.

Only a handful of journalists were there to witness the end. The thousands who had come the see Coe waited inside the adjacent Mr. Smart Stadium for his appearance in the heats of the men's 1500 metres, the event which brought him two Olympic gold medals.

But as the runners were being called by race marshalls, Coe was sitting on a concrete step explaining how his career had come to end in a bout of sickness that stripped him of energy and drive. 'It's the shake of the dice isn't it?" Coe said philosophically. Ignoring the advice of his doc-

tors, Coe jogged to the training track where he spoke to his father, his trainer Frank Dick and England team manager John Jeffery. They all told him to pull out. He jogged a couple more laps without taking off his tracksuit. Eventually, the decision was made for him. Jeffery walked

scratched Coe. "It was concerned for his health. The chances of him making the final were limited to say

The 1500 metres was to have been the show-stopping finale to Coe's 12 years at the top of international middle distance

It was his first full Commonwealth Games after bypassing Edmonton for the European Championships, missing Brisbane through illness and pulling out of

Edinburgh because of the flu. But his past came back to haunt him and Friday's virus put paid to his hopes of going out with a medal.

On Thursday, Coe finished a distant sixth in the final of the 800 metres, for which he has been the world record holder since 1979.

He looked jaded and tired. Something had to be wrong. It was, and in the end Coe couldn't bear the thought of ending his career with another below-par performance.

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The courses will be taught by Professor Masatoshi Tomita, a master of the Ohara School in Tokyo.

For more information please call Mrs. Kabariti at 824302 and for registration at Agaba Tours Tel. 858014, 1st Circle, Jabai Amman, between Feb. 4 and Feb. 10, except Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE

at 6.30 p.m. under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Maida Raad.

# The following winners were announced:

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 No. 2956 3rd prize return ticket to Madrid (RJ)
 No. 2925 4th prize return ticket to Casablanca (RJ) No. 3432 5th prize bed cover from Zananire Stores.
 No. 2966 picture frame from Yaghmoor Centre.

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tude to all, who supported and contributed to the success of the 3rd Charity March. We hope to see you again in the charity march of 1990.

Please: the winners can collect their prizes from the Charity March Centre in Palestine Hospital, Tel. 660296.

The organising committee for the Third Charity March 1989.

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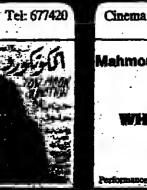
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# Armenian, Azeri fronts agree to chasefire at Riga talks

MOSCOW (R) — Delegates from the warring Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed Saturday to cease hostilities along their joint border and declared the escalation of their ethnic conflict was against both sides' interests.

Lukanov elected new

**Bulgarian premier** 

Leaders of the two southern republics' mass movements also agreed on provisions for an exange of hostages taken during the latest violence over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh territory that has claimed more than 320 lives in the past two years.

A spokesman for the Latvian Popular Front, host for the meetings in the Latvian capital Riga, said the two sides had issued a joint statement after the conclusion of their first round of direct talks in the hours of Saturday.

"It stated that they agreed that the escalation of the conflict was against the interests of both

SOFLA, Bulgaria (AP) - Polit-

buro member Andrei Lukanov, a

moderate Communist reformer,

was elected Bulgaria's new pre-

mier by parliament Saturday, a

day after the opposition rejected

a Communist offer to join a

Lukanov, a 51-year-old eco-

nomist, is the third moderate to

take over as the country's pre-

mier since hard-line Communist

leader Tudor Zhivkov was ousted

on Nov. 10 after 35 years in

power. Lukanov was elected by a

manimous vote of the Commun-

damental economic reforms and

we have to do them immediate-

by," Lukanov tota partiament Saturday, promising to present

new ministers for his government

Thursday and to prepare a prog-

ramme for social and economic

The Communist-dominated

government of the previous pre-

mier, Georgi Atanassov, resigned

late Thursday during a Commun-

ist Party congress. The congress

ended Friday with the election of

politburo member Alexander

after an eight-day lull in violence,

the number of people killed, in-

cluding Muslims and Indian

troops, since the government

ordered a crackdown on Jan. 20

on the Muslim movement for

secession of Kashmir region from

northern Jammn-Kashmir state.

India and Pakistan have gone

to war three times since they were

Kashmiri militants at first de-

manded union with Pakistan but

recently they have demanded a

separate neutral nation that if

formed would he sandwiched

next to India, Pakistan and

partitioned in 1947 following in-

dependence from Britain.

The latest deaths raised to 76

officials said.

China.

Lilov, 56, as the new party the circumstances we cannot take

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — At Jammu-Kashmir is the only

least four people were killed Fri- province with a Muslim majority

4 more killed in Kashmir

"We have to make fnn-

" Lukanov told parliament

provisional government.

ist-controlled parliament.

problems by Feb. 28.

sides," he said. The spokesman said the Armenians and Azerbaijanis had also agreed on provisions for the exchange of hostages and a cessation of hostilities along their entire border, where thousands of Soviet troops have been deployed

But both sides had restated their positions over Nagorno-Karabakh, a region which has been part of Soviet Azerbaijan since 1923 but it populated mainly by Armenians.

According to the Moscow Radio publication Interfax, the two delegations had stressed that

He replaced Petar Mladenov,

53, who will continue to serve as

president — the head of state.

At a joint news conference Friday with Lukanov, Lilov told reporters that consultations will

start Saturday with "other parties

and groups for setting up a gov-ernment of national concord."

His comment was a renewed

Petar Beron, a senior member

offer to the opposition to enter

into a new government with the

of both the Ecoglasnost Environ-

mentalist group and the opposi-

tion Union of Democratic Forces,

said the opposition would stay

resourceful," Beron said Satur-

day, though he repeated the

opposition's refusal to take part

in a provisional government.
"We shall refuse certainly to

take part," he said. "We have not

got any formal proposal. Nobody

has offered us any proposal on the conditions and circumstances

(for participating in a govern-

approach us... but we have de-

clared several times that, under

...I expect Lukanov to

Lukanov is 'very capable and

away from the talks.

rial claims rather than religious differences. Armenia has a Christian culture while Azeris are traditionally Muslim.

The talks between leader of the Azerbaijani Popular Front and the Armenian National Movement are being held under the anspices of the Baltic Council composed of the powerful popular front mass movements of Latvia. Lithuania and Estonia.

At earlier separate talks with members of the Baltic Council, the Azerbaijani Popular Front condemned Moscow's decision to send troops into their capital, Baku on Jan. 20. About 100 people were killed in several days

of street fighting.

The Azeris said the dispatch of troops was an act of aggression and a violation of Azerbaijani's sovereignty. The Armenians,

ately, called the deployment of troops in Baku a destabilising

Kohl:

Blocking

to crisis

Kohi said Saturday.

unity drive

would lead

DAVOS, Switzerland (R) - Any

attempt to block the quickening

drive towards German unity

could touch off a crisis in East

Germany and doom any chance

of reviving its crippled economy,

West German Chancellor Helmut

East Germans are calling for

unity with mounting impatience and their protests have launched

a historical process with a

momentum that outsiders cannot

control, he told a meeting of business leaders in this swiss ski

Kohl addressed the World Eco-

nomic Forum only hours before

his first meeting with East Ger-man Prime Minister Hans Mod-

row, who overturned 40 years of

Communist policy Thursday to back a merger of the two Ger-

manys if the new state were

The chancellor only mentioned

Modrow's concession long

enough to again reject its neutral

ity demand and say Bonn would

discuss unity with new leaders

after East Germany's first free

"The alternatives to a policy of

reason, dialogue and tangible

changes are written on the wall in

warning letters," Kohl said in his

crisis that could overshadow the

first peaceful revolution on Ger-

man soil and a continued mass

exodus that wipes out chances of

economic recovery the longer it

More than 58,000 East Ger-

mans flocked westwards in Janu-

ary, worsening a grave labour shortage in the homeland they

left and further straining West

Germany's tight job and housing

Wolfgang Berghofer, the

mayor of Dresden who quit East

Germany's crumbling Commun-

ist Party last month, said Friday

the exodus would force unity

citizens to West Germany means

we will be forced to make deci-

sions this year, whether we like it or not," he said.

"The exodus of East German

faster than anyone expected.

These were "the danger of

elections on March 18.

prepared address.

lasts," he said.

neutral.

The direct talks began Friday at the Latvian Writers' Union with an agenda covering re-fngees, humanitarian problems and the deployment of Soviet

The Soviet Defence Minister General Dmitri Yazov, said last week that the main reason for sending the troops in was to crush a nationalist revolt by the Azerbaijani Popular Front, whom he described as "extrem-

Other Soviet leaders said the troops were sent in to restore order after anti-Armenian riots last month in which about 60 people were killed. Some have recommended negotiations with the Popular Front, regarded as the main political force in the southern Soviet republic.

# Romanian front to continue as dominant political force

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) ruled by decree.

— The National Salvation Front National Liberal Party leader (NSF) apparently will continue as the dominant force in Romanian political life despite a power-sharing agreement reached with opposition parties, a source said

reversing an earlier pledge to stay out of the contest.

The opposition argued that the imelected National Salvation Frout, which has run the country since the December revolution couldn't he both a referee and player in Romania's first free election since World War II.

Radu Campeann said the council would have 180 members, including representatives of political parties and prominent Romanians from all walks of life, including those who fought in the

in Ceausescu's government were convicted of being accomplices to genocide and sentenced by a ilitary tribunal to life in prison. The four men were convicted of backing Ceausescu's orders to shoot demonstrators sduring the bloody December revolution.

# giving up monopoly

Communist Party will consider radical proposals at a key meeting next week, a Moscow Radio pub-

the proposals would come in a "draft platform of the CPSU" to be submitted Monday to a plenary session or plenum of the Central Committee, the party's

cial contacts, did not specify who was behind the proposals but the wording left little doubt it was referring to an official report to be delivered by party General

tic socialism," the news service directly quoted the document which would be the centrepiece

radical perestroika of the party, which will fight for its leading role, but assume no state or

claim to having its role set down in the constitution," Interfax

is not treated as a panacea" in the draft, which also provided for the right to platforms within the party and the right of a minority to defend its views.

permit factions with an internal organisation or discipline of their own," it said.

# who also met the council separ-

Friday. The political accord reached Thursday followed 10 days of opposition protests over the provisional government's decision to participate in May 20 elections,

that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu,

Under the agreement, a Council of National Unity will replace the 150-man front, which has

But a source in the front who was privy to the talks told the Associated Press Friday that the council's non-political side will be members of the front's current governing council or figures acceptable to the front.

Also Friday, four top officials

# Soviet party to study

giving up its guaranteed monopoly on political power and other lication said Saturday.

The Interfax news bulletin said

day in the Kashmir Valley, in-cluding the first Hindu civilian, in the country. At least 65 per chuding the first Hindu civilian, Muslims. Nationwide, Muslims account for 12 per cent of India's 880 million people.

New Delhi has been accusing neighbouring Pakistan, an Islamic state, of fomenting the trouble in Kashmir. Islamabad has

> to self-determination. Last week's bitter trading of accusations culminated in in-creased Pakistani and Indian military activities near their border.

been denying the charges but said

the people of Kashmir had a right

"The Indian people and army are prepared to give a befitting reply" if Islamabad wanted a confrontation, said Prime Minister V.P. Singh in Calcutta, UNI reported.

# MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet government powers, nor lay any

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Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev. "Our ideal is humane democra-

of the plenum — as saying.
"The draft platform calls for a

It said the principle of a multi-party system "is not rejected, but

"However, the party will not

Some central committee officials, contacted through Soviet journalists, said they could not comment on the Interfax report or confirm that it corresponded to a draft Gorbachev has been preparing over the past two weeks.

Other Soviet sources said it appeared to conform to what they had learned of the ideas the Kremlin chief was to put forward. Interfax, which has been in existence since last summer, said the plan also proposed radical changes in the leadership

### WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### 7 killed in W. German train collision

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Two rush-hour commuter trains collided after a driver overlooked a stop signal, killing seven and injuring numerous passengers, authorities have said. The accident in suburban Ruesselsheim occurred at 4:20 p.m. local time on the heavily used run between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden, spokesman Walter Henss of the federal railroad network said. Some cars derailed and rescue workers were unsure how many sengers were trapped in the wreckage. A spokesman for the Ruesselsheim Police said he had been told there were seven fatalities in the accident and numerous injuries. Henss said both trains were travelling at relatively slow speed when the collision occurred. The derailed cars forced authorities to close down the section of track affected and to reroute other trains during the heavy traffic period Friday evening.

### Timisoara revolt claimed 71 lives

BUCHAREST (R) — Romanian authorities said just 71 people died in Timisoara in the December nprising against dictator Nicolae Ceansescu, in contrast to initial estimates which put the number of victims at many thousand. The new toll, which adds five more deaths to the official figure, was released in a government report Saturday. Students at Timisoara's Polytechnic Institute immediately said they were not satisfied with the investigation and would carry out their own inquiries. They told the official Rompies news agency they would make house-to-house visits to establish from relatives just how many people were dead, injured or missing in the western city, 570 kilometres from Bucharest near the Yagoslav border. The unrest which precipitated Ceausescu's overthrow began in Timisoara in mid-December. First reports said thousands died in fighting against his hated Securitate secret police.

### China delays Czechoslovak visit

PEKING (R) - China said Saturday it had postponed the visit to Peking of a Czechoslovakian minister in protest against the tour of Prague by Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. The official New China News Agency said Peking had no choice but to delay the visit by Ladislav Vodrazka, minister for metallnrgy, engineering and electrical engineering, because the invitation to the Dalai Lama was a "gross interference" in China's internal affairs. Czechoslovakian ambassador in Peking Eduard Saul was summoned to the Foreign Ministry Saturday, the agency said. The Dalai Lama is in Prague as a guest of Czechoslovakian President Vaciav Havel. Vodrazka was scheduled to begin his stay in China on Feb. 17. No new date was set. "The Czechoslovakian president's insistence on inviting the Dalai Lama to Czechoslovakia in disregard of the solemn position made clear to him in advance by the Chinese side constitutes a gross interference in China's internal affairs," the agency said.

# U.S. to allow immigrants' families to stay

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thousands of illegal aliens who are spouses or children of legalised immigrants will be allowed to stay in the United States under a new policy unveiled Friday by the U.S. Immigration Commissioner, Gene McNary. The new policy reverses a three-year-old practice of admitting only those family members for "compelling humanitarian reasons." McNary said the previous policy was not being administered evenhandedly by INS district offices and as a result split families. "We can enforce the law humanely," McNary told reporters at a briefing. "To split families simply encourages further violation of the law as they (illegal aliens) attempt to reunite," McNary said.

### Olive oil linked to iower blood pressure

CHICAGO (R) - A study of nearly 5,000 Italians has found that olive oil, particularly when used in place of butter on prepared foods, lowers blood pressure and blood sugar in addition to cholesterol, researchers have said. In both men and women, the more butter and margarine used the higher the levels of blood glucose detected, the re-port said. For those who used olive oil instead, there was a drop in glucose as well as in blood pressure and cholesterol levels. The study, conducted by the State University of New York and by researchers in Milan, Naples and Rome, was published in this week's journal of the American Medical Association. It covered 4,903 men and women in all sections of Italy. "In particular, with regard to olive oil, our findings confirm a hypothesis of a negative association between this oil and serum cholesterol levels and support the hypothesis that olive oil may have beneficial effects on blood pressure and blood glucose levels," the report

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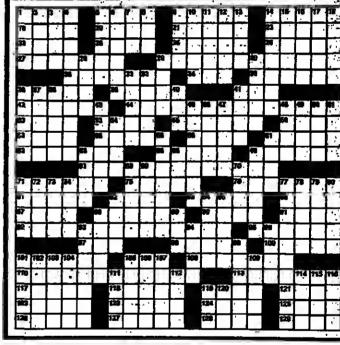
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Last Week's Cryptograms

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De Klerk receives worldwide praise LONDON (AP) - South Africa "Meanwhile all concerned must Minister Taro Nakayama said the were "positive steps." received worldwide praise Friday

for its decision to release Nelson Mandela and legalise hanned opposition groups, but some na-tions said further changes were "lay the groundwork for negotiations to begin." needed to eliminate apartheid. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher immediately lifted cultural and academic embargoes

her stance against economic sanc-tions, at odds with British allies, had paid off. Anti-apartheid groups demanded continued economic and other sanctions that they said, forced South Africa's whitedominated government to re-

on South Africa and declared that

Mrs. Thatcher described South African President F.W. De Klerk's announcement as "farreaching, bold and courageous," and said, "we shall step up contacts."

"We believe in carrots as well as sticks and they've had plenty of the latter, they should now have some of the former," Mrs. Thatcher told reporters outside her office.

She invited De Klerk and Mandela, upon his release, to visit Britain and said the U.S. policy of disinvestment and tightening sanctions was "a mistake." British officials said that "in

due course" she would raise the issue of easing embargoes in the European Community and the Commonwealth. In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said De Klerk's decision to release Mandela on an unspecified date

and legalise the African National

Congress guerrilla movement

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the steps announced by De Klerk

"We call on all South African parties, including those unbanned by President De Klerk, to take up this offer of negotiations and begin in earnest the process of a peaceful transition to a non-racial democratic South Africa," she

De Klerk also said he would legalise other black dissident groups, declare a moratorium on executions and lift most state of emergency measures. Tutwiler noted that the South

African president's announcement did not completely lift the state of emergency in that country, but said, "we welcome indications that this may happen 500m."

The Soviet Union called De Klerk's measures "an important and long-expected step in the

But the official Soviet News Agency (TASS) quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying: "It is neces-sary that they should be followed by practical actions, that other sures should he taken, specifically, on the lifting of the state of emergency in the country...". Sir Shridath Ramphal, secret-

ary-general of the Commonwealth, the 49-nation association of Britain and its former colonies, said South Africa had reached "a moment of bope."

"(But) much of President De

Klerk's announcement is a state-

ment of intent," Ramphal said.

work ... to convert promise into performance and ensure that apartheid is ended." Canada's external affairs minis-

ter, Joe Clark, who heads a nine-

nation Commonwealth commit-

tee monitoring sanctions, said he was "very encouraged." In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said De Klerk's announcement was "celestial music."

"I hope it is the beginning of the process leading to the end of apartheid," he said. Black African nations, South

Africa's most hostile critics, joined in guarded praise. Nigeria Foreign Affairs Minis-ter Rilwanu Lukman said De Klerk had taken "the first concrete step in the long journey toward the total eradication of apartheid and racial discrimina-tion."

Mozambique, South Africa's neighbour, played an excerpt of South African music on the state radio and the announcer declared De Klerk's speech "allows us to see, shining strongly, a light at the end of a tunnel that once

seemed infinite." Kenya and Sierra Leone both called the moves a "step in the right direction." Israel, long suspected of helping South Africa evade a manda-

tory international arms embargo and build nuclear arms, welcomed the announcement. "Israel will continue to follow favourably the process of reform taking place in South Africa,"

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens In Tokyo, Japanese Foreign

measures were key to starting hlack-white negotiations in Scuth Africa.

West Germany, France and other West European countries all said South Africa had moved in the right direction. French President Francois Mitterrand said he sent Mandela a message praising the jailed black leader for his "courage and dignity."

Scandinavian nations, forceful imposers of sanctions, said the time was not right to let up. "The pressure of the South African regime must be kept up," Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said. Dutch Prime Minister Rund

Lubbers said he expected the EC nations to meet soon to discuss lifting some embargoes. "The situation has changed fundamentally. ... a wall has come down," he said.

U.S. sanctions have been the harshest of any imposed by South Africa's major trading partners, which include Britain, West Germany, France, Japan and the black southern African nations neighbouring the white-ruled Bills pending in the U.S. Con-

gress seek to impose a total trade embargo and ban banks from reschednling loans to Sonth Mrs. Thatcher has fought to prevent Commonwealth sanctions. Among the milder measures she accepted in 1985 was a decision to "discourage cultural

and scientific agreements." The 12-nation EC hans iron and steel imports from South

# **THE Sunday Crossword**

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